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CITY BURGLARY.

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CAFE.

THIEVES' BANQUET.

Burglars have again been active in the central part of the city, and the "Albert," a French cafe adjoining the A.P.C. building in Queen's Road Central, is the latest establishment to receive their attention.

Monsieur Albert, the proprietor, arrived at the shop yesterday morning to discover that burglars had entered the place overnight and helped themselves freely to all valuable property and to its delicacies.

The method of entry having been effected in the complicated way which is the usual feature of the recent city burglaries, the visitors took stock of their surroundings, prised open various drawers, and after securing everything that was of value, dined off a cold roast fowl and other goodly things.

In addition to a large sum of money and valuable goods, they took Monsieur's private papers, including his business license, but had the good grace to leave his marriage certificate behind.

Familiarity with their surroundings had enabled the visitors to seek out the weakest spot for their attack on the building. A mass of scaffolding over the roof of the cafe was their means of approach. Then a short drop from the roof into a little yard in the rear between the kitchen and the shop, and the intruders were soon within the premises.

A bamboo ladder, left lying in the yard, was propped up to enable the thieves to make their ultimate escape by the same route by which they came.

The flimsiness of an iron barred window was broken into, and the thieves entered the kitchen which communicates with the main body of the shop by a passage. Here were kept all the cutlery and table linen of the shop. The thieves evidently knew values for they selected only the silver plated pieces of cutlery, and left the plain ones behind. They also acquired some of the more valuable kitchen utensils. Then they devoted their attention to the contents of the counter. Prising open the drawers, they stole money to the amount of \$500; two leather portefeuilles containing Monsieur Albert's and his wife's passports and private papers, also, the shop's license, but refrained from taking their marriage certificate. Probably on an afterthought, the burglars threw into their "bag" Madame's valuable skunk fur, and the \$50 new balance scale on the show-counter.

It is to be presumed also that not until they had satisfied themselves on the score that they had made the very best of their job, that the visitors permitted themselves some leisure for the gratification of the inner man. Selecting a dainty here and there from the sweets in the show case, (not overlooking some particularly choice "marrons" in a round box) the men had thus a course of desserts in an excellent menu which included cold fowl, other joints and good Dairy Farm milk. Thus did they tribute to the excellent fare provided at this well-known cafe.

M. Albert has assessed his loss at the round figure of \$1,500. The matter has been reported to the police, who are conducting enquiries.

The Hague, Feb. 16.
Evidently owing to the protracted ministerial crisis, the Socialist Party in the Second Chamber has resolved to urge the convocation of the Chamber in order to discuss a proposal to invite Her Majesty the Queen to dissolve Parliament.

SEQUEL TO SHANGHAI SHOOTING.

DEMAND FOR 11 MILLION DOLLARS.

A GAMBLING CHANCE.

What Chinese officialdom had in mind recently when it rejected the Shanghai Municipal Council's cheque for \$75,000 as a "compassionate grant" to victims of the May 30 shooting has been disclosed here—at least in a measure—in a demand put forward by Chinese commercial and other organizations, says the Telegraph correspondent. They want a total that runs to something like eleven million dollars—\$7,700,000 and Tails 2,300,000.

The sums given have been arrived at, it is understood, from an exhausting counting of noses and striking of averages by committees representing the Amalgamated Association of Street Unions. In carrying out the enquiry the organization of shopmen has had the whole-hearted support of the Chinese Rates-payers' Association and the two bodies just now are paying travelling costs of representatives who are going to Peking, there to lay the whole thing before the Foreign Office with the urgent request that something be done about it instantly or sooner. The representatives first are to make their report to Dr. C. T. Wang, the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Not long since, the Chinese rates-payers' organization telegraphed to Dr. Wang and protested vehemently because the Waichiao had not yet taken action to bring about a complete adjustment of the various complicated differences and, in short, to settle up.

"The negotiations," the message ran, "have been delayed up to the present and thus have not only impaired our national rights, but constitute a disgrace to our country."

So it is to be grasped why, with \$75,000 in hand, it seems to the Chinese who are active in the matter a good gambling chance to let the \$75,000 slide to take a chance for a real stake of eleven millions. Chinese workers, who quit their jobs or lost them as a result of the troubles that followed the May 30 affair, and still are out of work, are receiving some meagre aid from various organizations who have been collecting funds for the purpose and out of this work has grown one fortunate circumstance. At a recent meeting, when funds were being disbursed at the rate of \$2 a head to about fifteen hundred workers, an agreement was reached that no form of labour disturbance should be encouraged or fostered by labour organizations through the Chinese New Year period. In view of the fact that most commercial establishments are idle through this period this may be taken as a fair concession from the radical zealots.

SHIPS ASHORE.

ALTAI MARU STILL HELD.

There is little to be added to previous news concerning the s.s. Altai Maru, stranded in the Fo Tau Man Pass. She appears to be badly situated, and a European who visited the vicinity yesterday told a Telegraph representative that there is real danger of her breaking up. Those engaged in the work of salvage have redoubled their efforts in view of the increasing seas.

The Suma Maru, though badly holed and ashore at the Good Hope near Swatow, is in no immediate danger. At present there is no vessel standing by, but arrangements have been made for the despatch of salvage apparatus from Japan.

The Kwelyang is at present engaged in discharging her cargo and she will go into dock towards the end of the week. Of the s.s. Huanan, which was stranded in Hainan with the Kwelyang, there is no further news in the absence of wireless communication.

ORATOR FINED.

STREET PREACHER'S
DIATRIBE.

WEIRD IDEAS.

How by the mere act of spitting, the 400,000,000 of China's population could drown the comparative handful of people with "the curly hair and the hooked noses" was the suggestion made by a street orator in Hongkong when referring to an aspect of a world problem which he set out to outline before a crowd of three hundred in Mercer Street on a recent date.

Just what he meant by the allusion of people "with the curly hair and the hooked noses" was left to his audience to find out, as were his other remarks concerning the "people who had wide sleeves to their coats, and wearing wooden clogs which are now banned in Canton." But the Court sitting to try a charge of disorderly conduct, in the preaching of seditious matter, which had been preferred against the orator, discovered that in these thinly veiled remarks, there was an illusion. In the first case, to foreigners, and in the second case, to the Japanese, two nationalities mentioned in boycotting activities from Canton.

The orator was arrested on the 9th instant in Mercer Street by Chinese officers from the Criminal Investigation Office, just after he had announced his intention of distributing "pamphlets" amongst his audience. But on a search being made of him, none of the implicating papers were found, only a large quantity of medicinal pills. The point which Mr. R.E. Lindsell was called upon to decide this morning was whether the defendant was a habitual political agitator, or whether he was a mere medicine hawk, who after the manner of his kind, preferred his business by the singing of songs and discourses on sundry topical subjects, in order to attract the necessary crowd for the sale.

Sandwiched in between remarks extolling the quality of his goods, the orator was alleged to have declared:

(a) That by spitting, the 400,000,000 of China's population could drown the "people with the curly hair and the hooked noses" on the strength of their number alone.
(b) That the police in Hongkong were called "devil-mandarins" whereas the police in Canton were given the title of Chinese mandarins so naturally it was much better to go into Canton's service.

(c) That unless the Chinese were patriotic, they would be forced into the very same position as the Indians, who were threatened with extermination, not being allowed to marry before the age of 40.

(The Magistrate remarked at this point to the Chinese detective who was giving this evidence:—"Be like the Indians, then.")
(d) That Dr. Sun Yat-sen was powerless to deal with his military leaders. Whenever he wanted Ngai Hong-ping or Li Fook-lum to go elsewhere with their soldiers to fight, they always gave some excuse or other.

All this was by way of leading to the point which defendant wished to impress on his audience that General Chang Kai-shek was a man of many virtues, being entirely unselfish in that he spent all his money in raising a good army and established a good Government in Canton.

In other evidence it was stated that the defendant spoke of the competition in business between the British American Tobacco Company and the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, of the part which he played in pushing the sale of a particular brand of (Continued on Page 7.)

NEW BRITISH AERIAL FLIGHT.

A ROYAL AIR FORCE
ADVENTURE.

TO CAPE AND BACK.

Rugby, Feb. 16.

On March 1st, a flight of the Royal Air Force, consisting of four Fairey Napier biplanes, will leave Cairo on an attempt to fly to Capetown and back. Wing Commander Pulford will be in command. The outward journey will occupy about six weeks, as it has been decided to remain for a couple of days or more at each stopping place. If the return flight to Cairo is successful, the machines will be fitted with floats and the journey will be continued to England. The distance thus covered would be about 12,000 miles. The route followed will be almost the same as that followed by Mr. Alan Cobham and it will be interesting to see how the performance of the water-cooled Napier engine compares with the air-cooled Jaguar of Cobham's machine.

Particular interest will also be taken in the way that the Royal Air Force machines will take off from the Bloemfontein Aerodrome. This aerodrome is 6,000 feet above sea level and the ratched air and heat caused Colonel Van Ryneveld to come to grief here while taking off in 1920, and nearly ended Cobham's flight in spite of the fact that his machines had an engine of 20 H.P. more than that normally fitted to overcome this very problem.

There may be a meeting between the Royal Air Force flight outward bound and Cobham's homeward bound. Incidentally, it is learned that when Cobham makes the return journey to Cairo, he will do so at the utmost possible speed in the hope of making a record flight. —British Wireless.

EGYPTIAN MUSEUM.

CONTRADICTION REPORTS
EXPLAINED.

Cairo, Feb. 16.

The apparently contradictory reports here and in New York relative to Mr. Rockefeller's offer have been explained by Prof. Breasted who, in an interview, said that the offer was subject to conditions to be accepted by the Egyptian Government. While they were discussing those conditions, garbled reports began to circulate which necessitated the publication of the facts. Mr. Rockefeller might well think that, pending acceptance of the conditions, no definite offer could be considered to have been made. —Reuter.

[Previous reports stated that Mr. John Rockefeller junior has offered King Fuad of the Egyptians \$10,000,000 for a museum at Cairo.]

HIGH FIRE.

THIRTY-FIVE STORIES UP.

New York, Feb. 16.

What the firemen describe as the highest fire in their experience, occurred this morning on the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth floors of the Equitable Building, which is a reputedly fireproof skyscraper in the heart of the business quarter. The fire started in the basement and mounted the shaft containing the water pipes and electric wires. It was easily extinguished and there were no casualties, though two men were rescued with difficulty from narrow ledges outside the windows where they had taken refuge against the smoke.

The damage is estimated at \$80,000, mainly due to water. —Reuter's American Service.

BIAS BAY.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION
SUGGESTED.

ROUT THE PIRATES.

A punitive expedition, with wide powers, to the Bias Bay district in order ruthlessly to destroy the pirates and their villages is urged by Shipping and Engineering (Shanghai), in the course of a lengthy leading article. The journal says:

Wednesday, February 10, 1926 may be considered a red-letter day in the annals of modern piracy on the China Coast, for on that day, as is reported elsewhere in this issue, four proven pirates who took an active part in the attack on the China Navigation Company's s.s. Tungchow near Wenhaiwei on December 18 last were sentenced to death by the authorities of the French Mixed Court, Shanghai. It is both unnecessary and inadvisable to go into details as to how these men came to be apprehended: suffice it to say that they were arrested by the French police authorities on another boat of the China Navigation Company a few weeks ago. We feel we can say, however, without betraying any confidence, that while the French police authorities are strongly to be commended for the vast amount of trouble they have taken in apprehending these men and in securing their ultimate execution, unsparring credit is due to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for important initial action which was taken by them and without which, there is no doubt, the arrests would not have been accomplished, if indeed possible. The co-operation and mutual assistance that has obtained between Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and the local French police, considered in detail, constitutes a perfect example of how such things can and should be done; and it is a pity—it is more than a pity, it is a tragedy—that such co-operation in efforts to suppress pirates is not always accorded shipowners by other authorities. May we hope, incidentally, that when the convicted pirates meet their just end, the ceremony will take the form of beheading, will be accorded the utmost publicity, and will be open for all sundry, Chinese and others, to witness. Experience over many decades has shown clearly that in China public decapitation of robbers is one of the most effective forms of deterrent to robbery.

As we have emphasised time and again, however, and as we shall continue to emphasise, the only, the basic cure for piracy on the China Coast is the complete extermination of the pirates in their lair. Executions of batches of pirates (when they can be caught) undoubtedly would convey a striking lesson to other pirates, but can never constitute a complete deterrent, unless, as is very improbable, the whole gang of pirates are caught in such batches and finally exterminated. What is really needed is a punitive expedition, with wide powers, to the Bias Bay district, where practically all the pirates of China have their headquarters, and a ruthless and remorseless destruction of the pirates and their villages, in such a manner as will convey, for a century to come, a vivid lesson to those who might have any idea of embracing the profession. Bias Bay is in Chinese territory, and for the pirates to be completely exterminated a punitive expedition would have to be entirely Chinese or else one in which Chinese and foreigners would co-operate to the one end. The pirates are really more harmful to the Chinese than to foreigners, and there appears no logical reason why the Chinese should not co-operate with the foreigners to the fullest extent in a matter the successful outcome of which would be to the benefit of all.

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FENG'S TRIP.

NOT YET DECIDED ON ENGLAND.

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BOXER INDEMNITY MISSION.

INTERVIEW WITH LORD WILLINGDON.

TO HELP CHINA.

Lord Willingdon is now on his way to China, where the delegation of which he is Chairman is to begin immediate investigations to find out how the British share of the Boxer Indemnity may in the future be best applied to Chinese purposes. The British Government has followed the example of the United States, Japan, France, and Russia in deciding to devote the proceeds of the indemnity for the benefit of China.

The greatest interest has been excited in industrial as well as in diplomatic quarters by the prospect of the good that is likely to be done by the Willingdon mission of inquiry, for it is widely recognised that any contribution that may be made towards helping China through her present troubles will be of the greatest service not only to China but to every country interested in China.

In an interview Lord Willingdon displayed the keenest interest in the prospect of visiting China. "Although," he said, "until the delegation meets in China, I can say nothing as to how we shall begin and carry through the inquiry, I much hope that we shall be able to obtain the opinions of representative people, particularly Chinese, to guide and advise us as to how best the Boxer Indemnity can be spent for the benefit of China and its people. We shall have the great advantage of the assistance of three Chinese colleagues to help us in our labours, and while it would be obviously undesirable to displace any of the numerous schemes which may be the subject of our inquiry, I trust that our deliberations may result in our putting forward proposals which may meet with the approval of the Chinese Government, and serve the best interests of the country. The inquiry is expected to begin in March. In answer to a final question, how long he expected to be in China Lord Willingdon answered characteristically: "Till the job is finished; how long, I have no idea."

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Melbourne, Feb. 16.

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CONSTABLE SHOT.

MYSTERIOUS SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

FATAL WOUNDS.

The tragic death of a young Australian member of the Shanghai Police Force by being fatally shot when, whilst off duty, he went to the aid of Chinese householders threatened by robbers, is reported by the Telegraph correspondent, who writes under date of the 12th instant as follows:

Foreign policemen of the International Settlement will long carry in memory the death this week of one of their number, Constable M. Goulding, an Australian youth and, in fact, merely a recruit, since he had been a member of the force but six months. His death is one of those incidents of the workaday life of the police likely to count in the sum of results that the future holds for Shanghai.

Young Goulding and a fellow officer in plain clothes were on their way to work in rickshaws moving northward on Szechuen Road. In the Chinese territory immediately adjoining the roadway, they heard sharp cries for help coming from a dwelling. It was 3 o'clock in the morning.

The two foreign police officers leaped from their rickshaws and ran into the house that then had been illuminated by the terrified inmates. Inside they were told that robbers had attacked the place and were on an upper floor. On this information they ran to the stairway and climbed swiftly to the upper story, Goulding in the rear.

In the wake of the officers three Chinese guardsmen, belonging to the so-called Merchant Volunteer Corps, entered the house and presumably received from the inmates the same information that had been given to the two foreigners. These also mounted the stairs. At the top, one or more opened fire. Then they fled.

Goulding, wounded with a bullet that struck him in the back, was taken to the hospital, where he died the next day. The officers in charge of the Merchant Volunteer Corps deny any knowledge of the shooting, although the inmates of the place who had remained in the lighted room downstairs are positive that the three uniformed Chinese guardsmen had entered and had followed the foreign police officers upstairs. The robbers escaped.

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THEOSOPHY

"THE LAW OF KARMA" will be the subject of this week's public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 7, Dundell Street, on Thursday February 18th, at 6 p.m. Lecturer Mr. M. Mank. The Meeting is open to the public.

ATTEMPTED FRAUD ON WING ON CO.

ALLEGED FORGING OF DEPOSIT BOOKS.

New Book Labels the Outcome of Consummate Skill.

The case in which three Chinese are alleged to be implicated in an attempt to defraud the Wing On Co., was commenced at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared to prosecute, and the whole of the afternoon's hearing was occupied by his opening statement, which lasted one and a half hours. Mr. Elsiey Zeitlyn defended all three men.

The three men, Au Kim-lui, Fok Cheung-yuen, and Lam Fuk-chiu were charged as follows:— That between April 26 and August 15, 1923, they conspired to defraud the Wing On Co., of \$50,000 and \$663.63 interest by a false representation that the Company was indebted for that sum to a firm styled Kwong Cheong, and by the production of a forged deposit book.

Also that they conspired together, and with persons unknown, to forge a document purporting to be a deposit book issued by the Wing On Co., between March 9 and May 4, 1923, and between March 9 and August 13, and that between March 9 and May 4 they attempted to utter a forged document purporting to be a deposit book issued by the company, knowing it to be forged.

A further charge was of making another attempt between March 9, and August 13, 1923, and a sixth charge was of conspiring together and with other persons unknown, on August 13, to endeavour to cause to be paid to the Industrial and Commercial Bank the sum of \$50,663.63, by virtue of a forged deposit book, purporting to have been issued by the company.

In addition, the first defendant, Au Kim-lui, was charged in the first place with uttering a forged document purporting to be a deposit book issued by the Company on May 3, 1923, knowing it to have been forged, and with intent to defraud.

Two similar charges were also preferred, the dates being May 4, 1923, and August 13, 1923, respectively.

A fourth charge was of endeavouring on August 13 to cause to be paid to the Industrial and Commercial Bank a sum \$50,663.63 under, upon, or by virtue of a forged deposit book purporting to be issued by the Company.

He was also charged that on August 25, 1923, being plaintiff in an action where the Wing On Company were the defendants, he knowingly and falsely affirmed that the Company were then justly and truly indebted to Au Kim-lui in the sum of \$50,663.63, money received by Wing On for Au Kim-lui's use, and interest thereon.

Mr. Jenkin described in detail the method in which deposits were dealt with by the Wing On Co., and produced two deposit books, one which was assumed to be the original one bearing the name of the Kwong Cheong firm.

Old Pages in New Book.

In one book, two deposits were recorded, for \$30,000 and \$20,000 on successive dates, April 26 and April 27, 1923. Mr. Jenkin said it was the intention of the defendants to get the money back, and later to get a further \$50,000 by means of the second book.

They kept the original book and made no use of it except

that the label was taken off and kept available to put on the second book.

Another book was procured and the label from the original book put on it. On the original book they had a genuine chop and the manager's signature. They got forged papers as to totals, deposit, signature and chop, and put them into the new book.

This necessitated re-sewing the book when the new pages were put in. It then became a complete book although it was a forgery.

They had also the original book which was complete except for the label, but if they could get the forged book they could take the label off that and put it on the original book.

They received the \$50,000 on the book and if they could have got the book back they would have had all the documentary evidence they required. They attempted to obtain a further \$50,000 but did not succeed.

Although the book was a forgery it brought no profit as they had only received their original money back. They were unable to get the book back, and having failed and probably foreseeing they might not get it, they forged a label and put it on the original book.

This was genuine except for the label. The label was the outcome of a forger's consummate skill, but a most stupid blunder was made. The forgery was clever in the extreme but they stumbled in one particular when it came to putting the label on the book.

The cover used for the forged book was different to that used on the books issued by the Company. The paper was different in texture and the watermark and the printing was also different.

Dealing with the business dealings of the three men, Mr. Jenkin said that the first defendant, Au Kim-lui, was known as the promoter of a banking firm under the style of Kwong Cheong. When the firm came into being and where it carried on business was not known.

The second defendant had at one time posed as a sub-manager of a firm called Man Fat and Co. The firm was not in existence now, and its account with the Bank of East Asia came to a sudden end very soon after the \$50,000 had been received from the Wing On Co.

A man called Li Kam-to would be associated with this defendant. In the case of the third man he had clearly been very interested in printing. In 1923, he was the proprietor of a printing shop in Canton, and pages similar to those used in the Wing On books had been printed. Chops made elsewhere in Canton were also in existence.

He also maintained his interest in printing later, and was a partner in a printing concern in Hongkong, where he was arrested.

Small Accounts Opened.

Mr. Jenkin said the case would be that all three were very intimately connected with a fraud on the Wing On Co.

Continuing, he said an account was opened on April 26, 1923. On March 28, Fok, either in person or by someone else, opened three deposit accounts for very small amounts. They were all opened at the same time in amounts of \$120, \$150 and \$250. The books were apparently kept by him, and in March 1925, the accounts were withdrawn.

It was probable that there was nothing significant about that, as the books had not been tampered with. Between April 7 and April 9, 1923, \$51,000 was subscribed by six people. It was rather remarkable that a similar

VALUABLE BIBLE.

BOUGHT IN AMERICA FOR \$106,000.

New York, Feb. 16.

The so-called Melk copy of the Gutenberg Bible has been bought at auction by Doctor Abraham Rosenbach, of Philadelphia, for the extraordinary sum of \$106,000. The Bible belonged to the Austrian monastery of Melk for 300 years, and was purchased last summer by a London dealer. It was expected to fetch \$75,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

sum to that which was the subject of the case should have been subscribed.

On April 25, someone in Seattle sent telegraphic instructions to the Yokohama Specie Bank in Hongkong to pay Li Kam-to the equivalent of gold \$43,000. As a result of these instructions the bank issued in favour of Li Kam-to, a cash order for \$77,828.05.

The order was taken to the Bank of East Asia and deposited to the credit of the Man Fat Co.

An account with the Wing On Co., was opened on April 26. It was interesting to note, although possibly a coincidence, that on April 26, when \$30,000 was paid to Wing On, that a cheque was drawn by the second defendant on the Man Fat account at the Bank of East Asia for \$75,000.

When the cheque was cashed three people went to the bank, the first and second defendants and the man who endorsed the cheque. Au Kim-lui deposited \$30,000 on April 26, in the name of Kwong Cheong, and a further \$20,000 was deposited on April 27. Nothing occurred so far as was known between that date and May 3.

Then someone went to the Wing On Co. and presented the forged book. An application was made to withdraw the whole of the deposit with the exception of \$1,000. Mr. Jenkin suggested that they were probably prepared to sacrifice that to get the label.

They had to withdraw the whole amount, however. About the end of June the Man Fat Co. ceased to exist as far as their Bank of East Asia account showed. Au Kim-lui opened an account in his own name. The deposit book, showing a total of \$50,000 in the Wing On account, was handed to the bank, who were asked to make collection.

As a result three employees went to Wing On Co. and asked for payment, but it was refused. Later a written demand was made for the \$50,000 and interest. Writs were also issued, but the case had not yet been tried.

On March 26, 1925, someone, on Fok's behalf, withdrew the three deposit accounts opened by him in March 1923. On November 12, the first defendant was in Pekin and Fok wrote to him and referred to the alleged conspiracy. It appeared that their chance of success had been hampered by the delay and also by the lack of money.

No evidence was taken at the conclusion of Mr. Jenkin's opening, and the case was adjourned until Friday.

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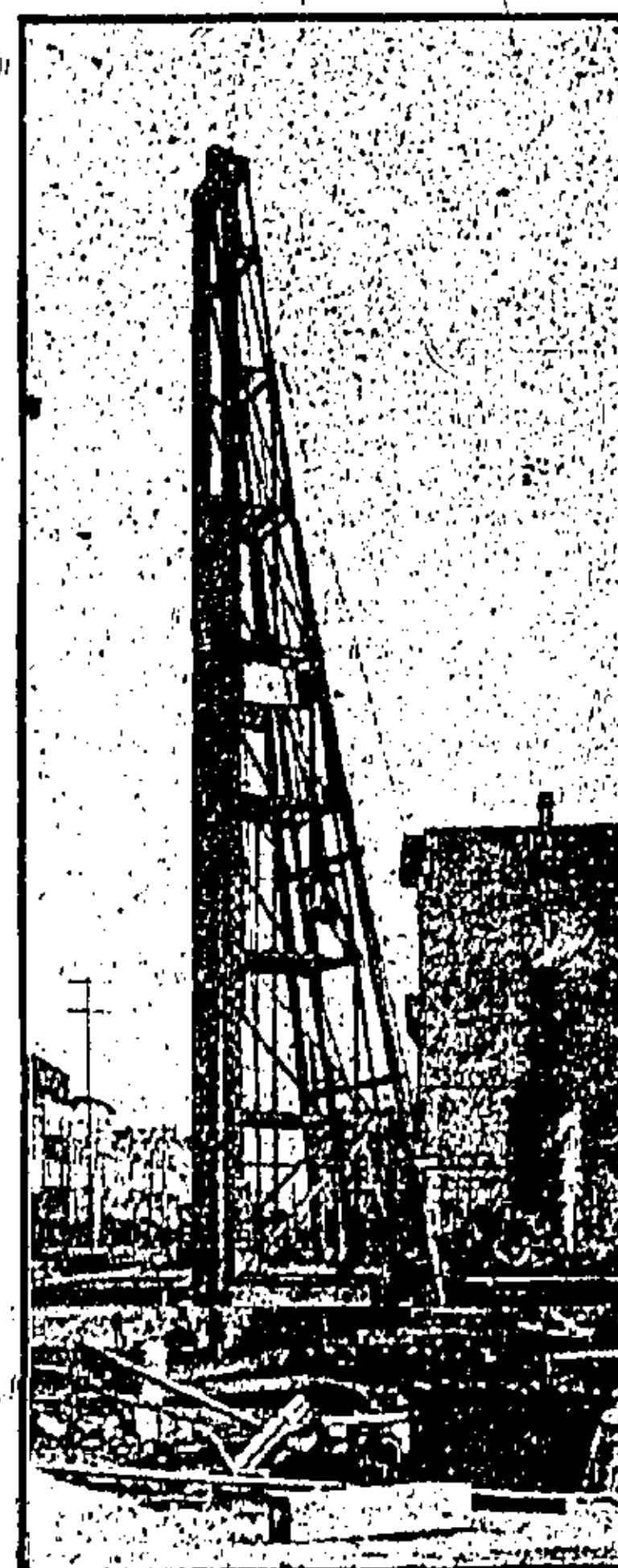
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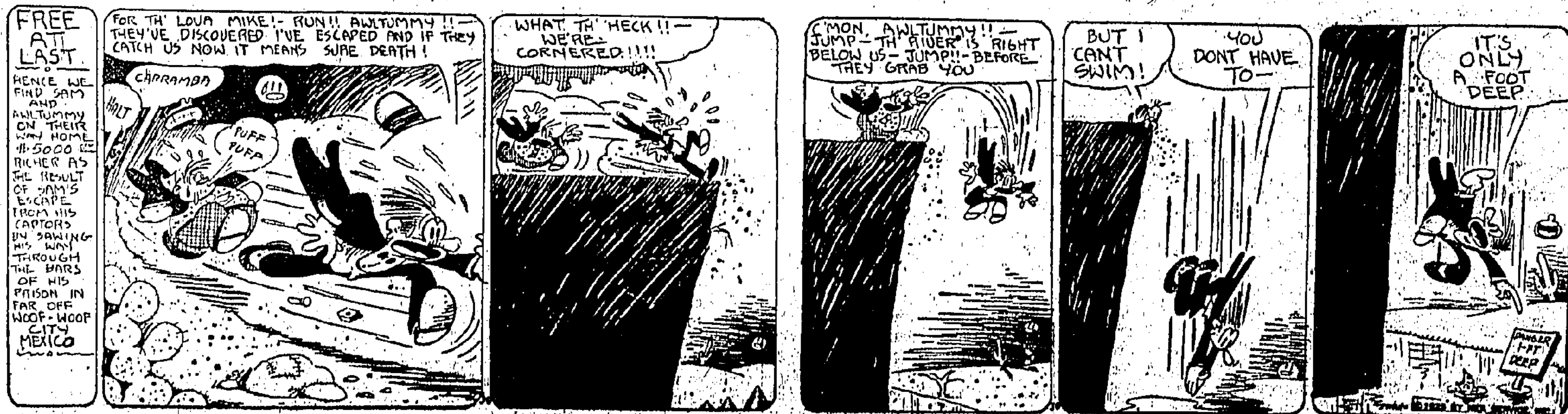
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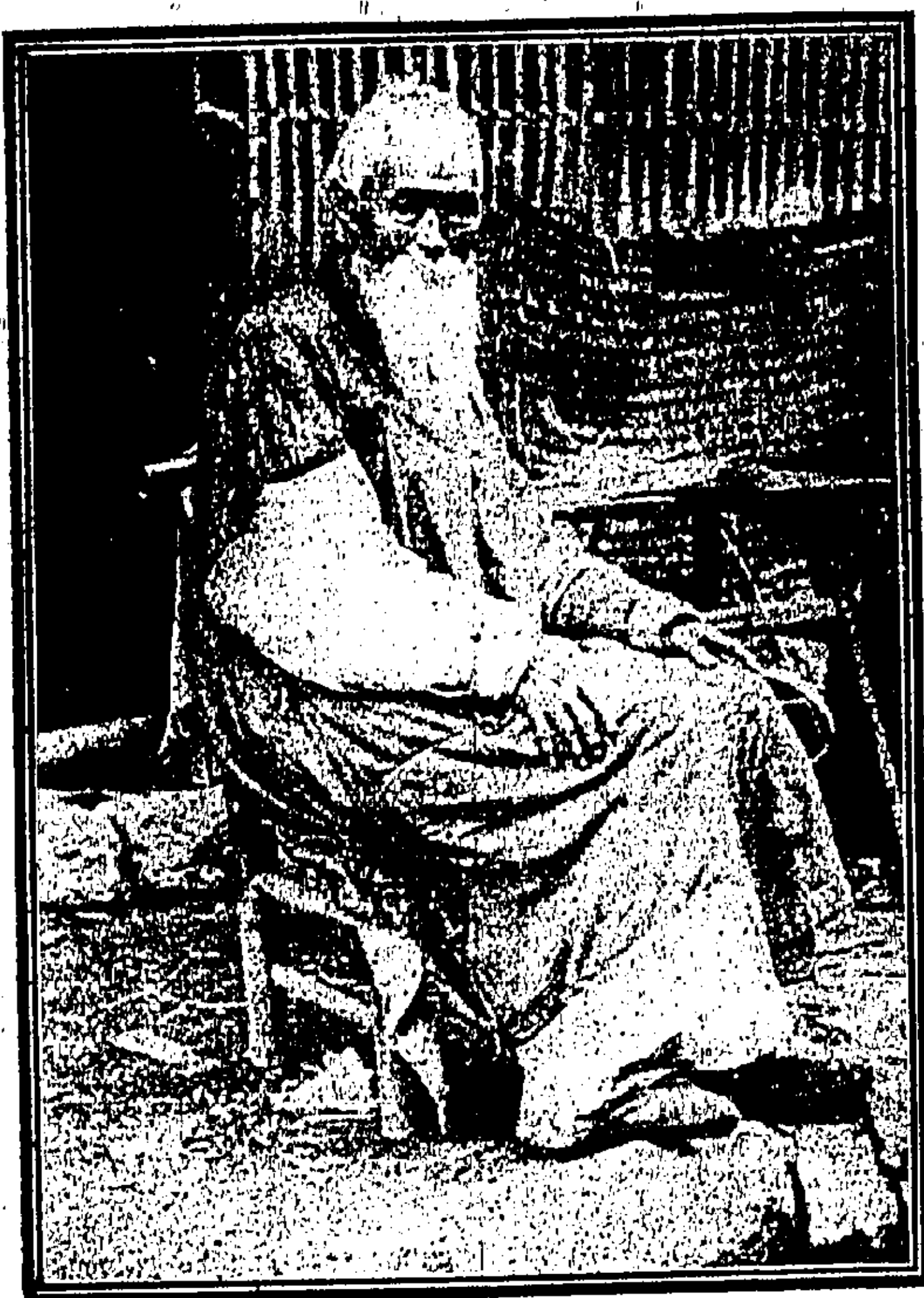


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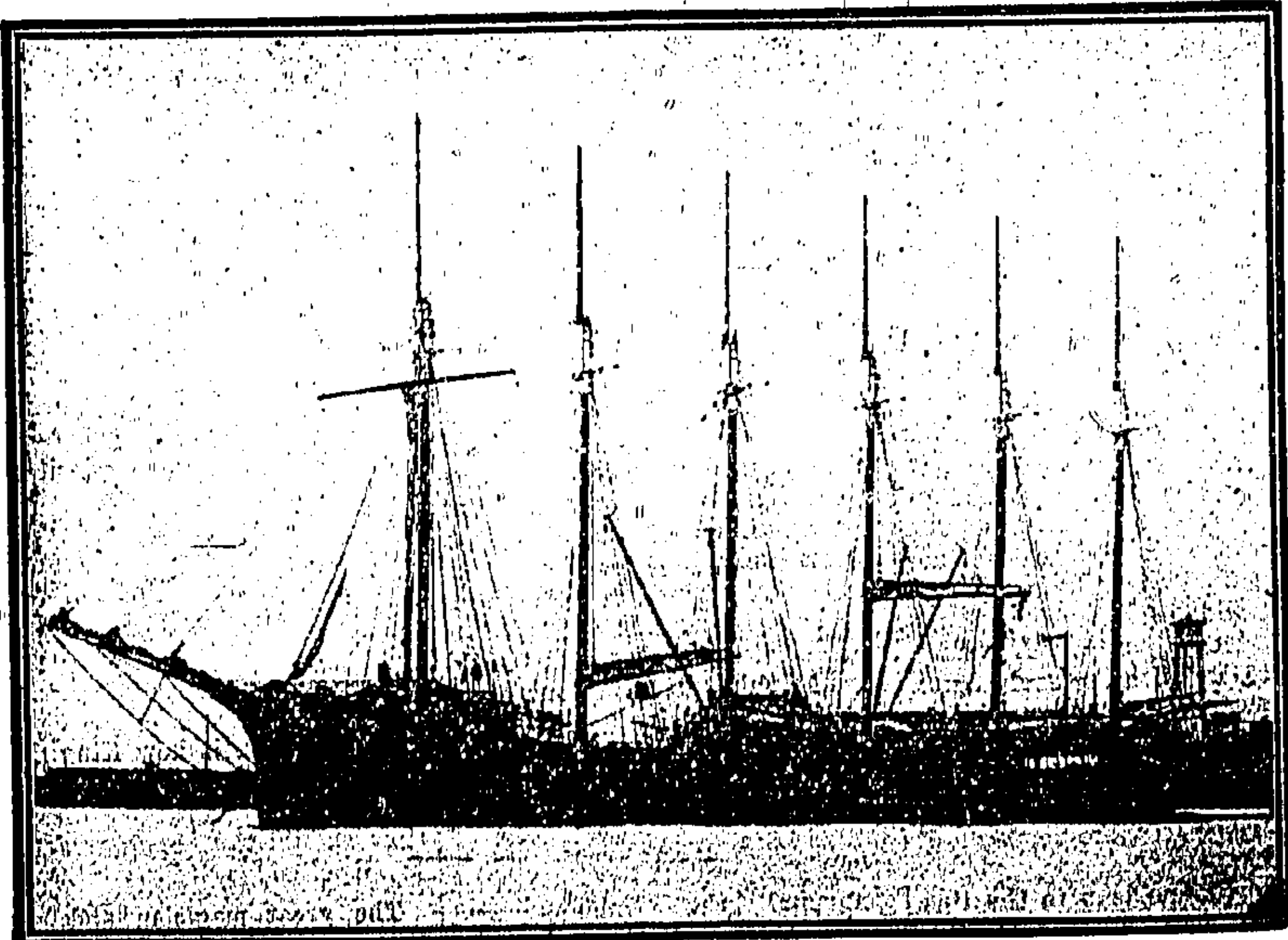
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Church Bars Hula Dancers.



Should Hula dances be permitted in a church? This question caused a heated argument in the Kawaibao church, one of Honolulu's oldest religious congregations, where it had been planned to have such dances in connection with a benefit social. Pastor Akana (inset above), ruled against it.

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C. B. BROWN
Secretary.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall Hongkong, on Saturday the 27th February 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 15th February to Saturday the 27th February 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors

A. H. BARLOW
Chief Manager.

Hongkong 8th February 1926.

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Members' Badges of Admission are now ready, and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings this year.

C. B. BROWN,
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E. D. MATTHEWS,
Secretary, R.H.K.G.C.
Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1926.

THE HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will be held at the Cathedral Hall on WEDNESDAY, February 24th, at 11 a.m. All are cordially invited.

EVELYN A. WARREN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1926.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th February, to the 22nd February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

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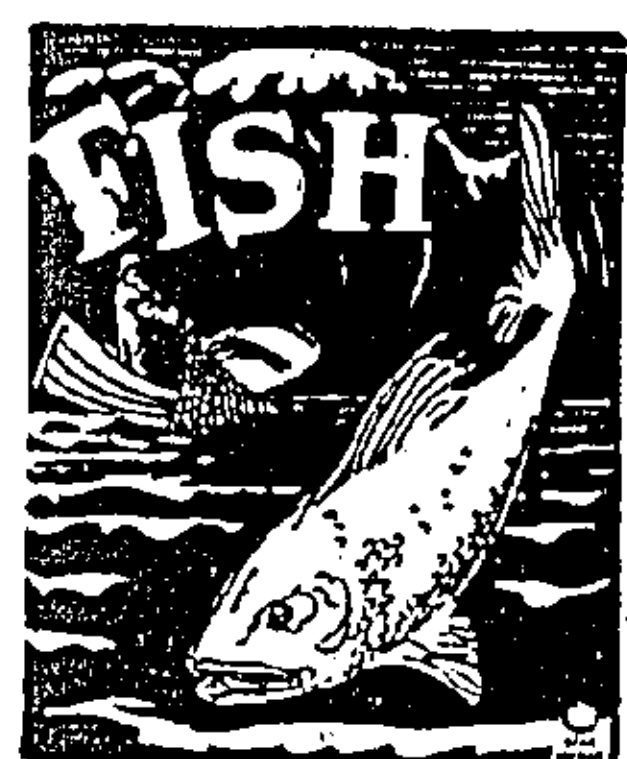
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, February 12th, 1926, to Tuesday, February 23rd, 1926, both days inclusive.

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F. H. CRAPPELL,
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By order of the Board

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1926.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Show of Flower and Vegetables will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, 11th March, 1926.

Entries will definitely close at 1 p.m. on Monday, 1st March, 1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but intending Exhibitors are requested to send in their entries as early as possible.

Schedules have been sent to all members who have paid their subscription for the current year. Members who have not yet paid their subscription and all those who wish to join the Society are requested to send \$3 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.

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The Royal tomb under the shadow of the Great Pyramid, discovered last March by the Harvard Boston expedition, and unentered since it was sealed up in the reign of Cheops 5,000 to 6,000 years ago, is probably the last resting place of the great Pharaoh Seneferu.

Dr. George A. Reisner will open the tomb, probably in about ten days, and the world will then know the truth (writes Mr. John L. Balldenstein, to the Daily Chronicle).

Some of the evidence in favour of the Seneferu theory was indicated in my dispatch yesterday. The canopy of sheet gold which rests on the lid of the alabaster sarcophagus, bearing the name and titles of Seneferu, would seem to foreshadow those golden shrines in which Pharaohs of later ages, like Tutankhamen, were buried.

Even more significant than the treasures seen by Dr. Reisner's assistants, Rowe and Greenlees, through the corner of the yet unopened burial chamber itself, 100ft. down in the solid rock, is the fact that, unlike every other tomb of this period ever found in Egypt, no tomb chapel ever stood on the site. It was at first assumed that this had been destroyed during the building of the Great Pyramid.

All Trace Of Tomb Lost.

Examination has proved that there never was any sign above ground of the existence of any shaft. There was no chapel, nothing but the incredibly skillfully joined native limestone rocks that left no trace that a tomb existed. Between the new tomb and the Great Pyramid is the basalt pavement of the destroyed funerary temple of Cheops. The occupant of this tomb, then, seems to have had for his monument no small pyramid, but the great one, and his rites and his worship may have been carried out in the temple of Cheops.

It is possible that Seneferu, not content with two pyramids, started a third one; this one; that his successor Cheops completed it and associated Seneferu with it and with the temple worship there. It is possible that Seneferu was buried at Meidum or Dahshur, and that Cheops, for fear of robbers or because he wanted Seneferu's deified presence near his own stupendous monument, transferred burial.

Holy Ground.

There is conclusive proof of the superlative holiness with which Cheops invested the exact spot where this shaft was sunk. The causeway built to transport the stone for the Great Pyramid took 10 years to construct, wrote Herodotus 2,300 years ago. Its ruins still cross the valley, heading straight for the natural spot to deliver the stone, the centre of the pyramid. The causeway swept straight from the Nile up to a few yards from the site of the Harvard Boston tomb, and then curved around it, resuming its straight course between the tomb and the pyramid. Thus the occupant of the alabaster sarcophagus was spared by Cheops the sacrifice of having 2,300,000 huge blocks of stone dragged across his grave.

Unfinished Pyramid.

On the south side of the tomb foundations have been found of a small pyramid, presumably intended for one of the queens of Cheops. The favourite queen, says Herodotus. The pyramid was started, as the excavations in the rock prove. But it was never finished. The work begun 40 feet from the mouth of the Reisner tomb shaft was abandoned, and the pyramid moved slightly to the left, evidently so that it should not interfere with the sacred site. The swerving causeway on one side, the transferred pyramid on the other—is any other proof needed that Cheops, for whatever reason, regarded this tomb as of especial sanctity?

Two questions leap to the lips. Who was this Seneferu? And what is likely to be found in his burial chamber, and in the sealed chamber that apparently opens out from it?

Though Seneferu lived from 2,600 to 1,600 years before Tutankhamen, according to the rival estimates of Professor Flinders Petrie and Dr. George A. Reisner, much more is known about him than about the boy Pharaoh.

RE-ELECTED.



Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, who has been re-elected at a bye-election by a 7,000 majority.

DEFEATED.



Miss Helen Wills, the American tennis star, who was beaten by Mlle. Lenglen in the great match at Cannes.

The boy king Tut left no mark in history. He reigned seven or eight years in a troubled period, and he had not been dead 20 years before his successor, Horemheb, removed his names from the monuments and added the years of his reign to his own. So that a century after Tut was dead only antiquarian priests knew that he had ever existed, which probably explains why his tomb was not rifled in subsequent troubled times.

Seneferu, even though his exact date cannot yet be fixed within 500 years, left a name in Egypt that was remembered and revered scores of centuries.

World's Most Powerful King.

He was probably the most powerful monarch who had existed in the world up to his time. That he was able to plan and partly construct a pyramid nearly as big as that of Cheops near Dahshur, later change his mind and build his "false pyramid" at Meidum, and after this conceivably commence a third time, or at least choose the site of, the great Pyramid of Cheops, indicates a Pharaoh towering above his predecessors.

These mighty works, which must have involved the labours of the whole nation, did not take up the whole of his reign.

According to the great Egyptologist, Sir Wallis Budge, Seneferu ranks with Amenemhet the Third, who reigned 1,000 years later, and Thutmose the Third, who lived nearly 1,000 years after Amenemhet, as one of the three chief empire-builders of ancient Egypt. A thousand years after his death a great conqueror, in a grandiloquent inscription bragging of his victories, boasted that "nothing like this has been done since the days of Seneferu."

He regulated the Eastern frontier, he built fortresses at the Bitter Lakes, in the Isthmus of Suez, he had a sea-going fleet of 40 vessels. In the far south he conquered the Nubians and brought back 7,000 prisoners. Fifteen hundred years after his death, roads and towns were still named after him in the Nile delta.

There is a tale about Seneferu that has come down as a copy from a manuscript not known to have been compiled earlier than 900 years after Seneferu's reign. Even if untrue, it shows the awe in which his memory was held by later generations.

TEST CRICKET.

AUSTRALIA'S WILL TO WIN.

The action of the Australian Board of Control in making such drastic regulations in connection with the position of the players during their forthcoming tour, points to a very definite moral. The Australian cricketers are coming here with the fixed determination to win the series of Test Matches, and all other considerations are deemed of secondary importance. Who shall say that they are wrong in their desire to make this objective the one great aim of the tour, or question their judgment in their clear determination to triumph at all costs.

By the controversy which has occurred concerning the different aspects of the tour, it is clear that next cricket season will be one of the greatest the game in this country has ever known. While we at home are sometimes left wondering whether rather too much is not being made of the question of success or failure, it becomes obvious that the Australian view is a deadly serious one. No stone is to be left unturned. The desires of the individual are not allowed to interfere with the object of the visit, which, first and last, is to win the Test matches and to make the tour a complete success.

While there has been, and still remains, an impression among many of the game's supporters in England that these things can be taken too seriously, there can be no questioning the intense desire to once again secure the rubber from Australia, a solatium which English cricketers have not had for a considerable time. To accomplish this it becomes very evident that the serious side of the situation will have to be pondered and tackled in determined fashion. The question of whether a player's wife should or should not be allowed to accompany him on tour need not be regarded as anything more than another phase of Australia's notion of how to clear the decks for action.

The Australian view is that if these tours are worth undertaking, no endeavour should be spared to accomplish all that the team sets out to do. The individuals are merely parts of a piece of machinery, each having a definite mission to fulfil; and there is no valid reason why personal convenience should be considered if it jeopardises success. To be selected to play for one's country must be regarded as the highest honour that can be gained, and it is a reasonable argument that, whether it is merely for one match or for the whole tour, a player belongs to his country, and must be prepared to sacrifice personal conveniences. The thoroughness of the Australians is really to be admired, and the spirit of supreme effort should not be lost sight of when we come to prepare our own plans.

The English mentality may differ slightly from that of others in its views concerning this grim seriousness. We may have permitted ourselves to exist in a false atmosphere in relation to the reality of all that these international contests mean. The desire, and the will, to win are after all primary in these great struggles. Good sportsmanship and playing the game in the truest sense of the term are merely corollaries of a great effort to emerge successfully from a contest of immense athletic achievement and national importance.

Whether individually Australia possess better cricketers than England the future will show, but the greatness of the individual will not serve its purpose unless it is blended in a manner which makes for the success of the whole. Australia assuredly is fixed with a determination which nothing can shake.

The story tells how King Seneferu was bored one day, and the court was in dismay and distress. How should the King's weariness be dispelled?

The great magician and grand vizier sent for the 40 most beautiful virgins in Egypt, and appalled them in nets of gauze. They placed them in a boat of solid gold and gave them oars of silver, and the girls rowed the Pharaoh on the sacred lake at Memphis. Whether this recipe was successful in curing the King of his melancholy will never be learned, for there the manuscript breaks off.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

A CORRECTION.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Your report in to-day's issue with reference to my experience on Friday evening is incorrect and is liable to cause a wrong impression and I shall therefore be glad if you will correct it by publishing the facts.

On Friday evening I engaged a ricksha on Des Voeux Road and told the coolie to take me to the fair at Paddy's Market. He took me along Des Voeux Road until he came to the Western Market but, instead of turning to the left at the market as he should have done, he turned to the right towards the water front. I had noticed that the bottom of Paddy's Market was very crowded and concluded that the ricksha coolie intended to go round the market by Connaught Road and get to it by that route. However, I very soon found that that was not his intention, for at a dark spot he dropped his shafts but did not throw me out as you have stated. Immediately he dropped the shafts, four men who were evidently acting in collusion with him dashed out from the doorways, and with the help of the ricksha coolie tackled me. I put up a fight with them for a few minutes until one man got behind me and, throwing his arm around my neck, threw me backwards to the ground. Three of them then held me down whilst two of them went through my pockets. Realising that they had the better of me, I shouted "Police" and they immediately bolted. Although I had nothing to gain by doing so, I thought that it was in the public interest to report the affair.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. SHOOT.

Hongkong, February 16, 1926.

WRECKS ON BRITISH COAST.

GALLANT RESCUES BY LIFEBOATMEN.

Rocket Apparatus Used.

Rugby, Feb. 16. Severe weather around the British coasts has caused several wrecks during the past few days. Search was made without result yesterday for the crews of two Swansea trawlers which have been lost on the Galway coast. The number of men missing is about 24, but hope of their safety has not been abandoned. There is a possibility that they may have found a haven in some remote island. No trace of wreckage has been found.

The crew of the Italian steamer *Liberta*, which went ashore at Bolt Head, Devonshire, were rescued by a lifeboat and rocket apparatus after an exciting experience. Great courage was displayed by Brixham lifeboatmen in effecting rescues. The lifeboat arrived on the scene after an arduous journey through twenty miles of stormy sea, and was unable to get alongside. Eventually, communication was effected by a rocket line, and three of the ship's company were drawn through the sea to comparative safety by this means. Meantime, a land rocket apparatus had been sent for, and was erected on a cliff overlooking the spot. The first shot of the land rocket was successful, and the remaining 27 of the crew were brought ashore.

The Spanish steamer *Cirilo Amoros* ran on the rocks at Strathally, County Waterford. The crew of 34 were taken off by a lifeboat.—*British Wireless*.

THE TRADE LOAN.

GOLD EARMARKED FOR HONGKONG.

Note Issues Extended.

It was announced yesterday, says the *Times* of Jan. 20, that £600,000 in sovereigns had been set aside for the Crown Agents for the Colonies on account of the note issue of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. This is the first time that the daily bullion report at the Bank of England has contained an announcement of this character. The operation is to be associated with the granting last autumn of a loan of £3,000,000 under arrangements made by the Colonial Office to relieve the difficult situation which had arisen in Hongkong owing to the Canton boycott. This loan is being made available to Hongkong in instalments, and one of the results of the provision of this additional credit has been a considerable expansion in the note issue of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. According to the bank's ordinances, silver dollars or gold coin or bullion must be deposited with the Hongkong Government or its nominees against the bank's notes over a certain limit. The limit had already been passed, and it has been found more convenient to deposit gold with the Crown Agents, as nominees of the Government in London, than in Hongkong.

Unfortunately, the efforts to secure a settlement between the Hongkong authorities and Canton have so far proved abortive, and the trade of Hongkong with the hinterland, therefore, remains almost at a standstill.

MALARIA STUDY.

LEAGUE ORGANISATION ACTIVE.

Rugby, Feb. 16.

The Health Organisation of the League of Nations has arranged to hold next summer, in London, Paris and Hamburg, special laboratory courses on malaria, which will be reserved exclusively for medical officers.

During its tours of Eastern and Southern Europe, the League's Malaria Commission discovered that several countries were prevented from conducting systematic anti-malarial campaigns owing to a shortage of specially trained physicians. The Health Organisation therefore has decided to organise courses in malariology for young physicians desiring to specialize in this subject.

Field work lasting several months in such malaria infected countries as Corsica, Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia and possibly Palestine will follow the theoretical training.—*British Wireless*.

CANADIAN POLITICS.

THE PRIME MINISTER RE-ELECTED.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, has been re-elected at a bye-election in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, by a majority of over 7,000, on the combined votes of the Liberals and Progressives, defeating the Independent Conservative, Mr. Burgess.

It is now uncertain when the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne will conclude. The Conservative opposition will apparently aim at shortening the adjournment period in which the Government expects to reorganise the Cabinet and complete the legislative programme before the reassembly on March 15.—*Reuter*.

A PRAYA AFFAIR.

CHINESE ROBBED AND ASSAULTED.

Yesterday's Court Sequel.

An incident which might possibly have been the result of a political argument, occurred in Jordan Road, Kowloon on February 2, when Yee Chung-fu, treasurer to General Tung Pui-yun, of Hoihow, was attacked by a number of coolies who demanded a sum of money from him and later robbed him of a bank note of the denomination of 100 piastres. The outrage had its sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when one of the men alleged to have taken part in the incident was charged with (1) unlawfully with violence robbing the complainant of a 100 piastre bank note, and (2) demanding with menaces a sum of money from the complainant.

In his evidence the complainant spoke of an argument relating to politics which occurred on board the *Taiqua Maru* during the voyage from Hoihow. The other party was Tu Po-ching, a partner of the Wah Kin Boarding House in Hoihow and an adherent of the Canton party.

On arrival in port on February 2, the complainant engaged the Nam King boarding house launch to take him and his wife ashore, but later he was informed by the "runner" that he could not be taken on board. It was then that he met the defendant and some others who suggested that he take their launch.

His personal effects were then transported to the launch which the defendant engaged, and he gave directions that he should be taken to the Yamnati Ferry wharf. He was taken, however, to the praya wall outside the Yamnati break-water and landed.

"A British Slave."

After all his belongings had been placed on the praya, the men demanded the sum of \$120 from him, and on his refusing to pay the money he was seized and accused of being the general adviser of General Tung Pui-yun. The complainant denied the accusation and was then called "a British slave." The gang then set upon him and assaulted him.

At the direction of his Worship (Mr. E. W. Hamilton), a charge of common assault was added.

Continuing, the complainant said that while the defendant took no active part in demanding the money, he was among the men to assault him. On handing over the money demanded, the men asked for an additional \$30, which was then given to them by the complainant's wife. The two were leaving the scene when two of the party pursued him and robbed the complainant of 100 piastres. The defendant was not one of the two men.

His Worship: That disposes of the first charge.

The "runner" from the Nam King boarding house was called and he stated that he was directed by the police to find some of the men who had been on the launch which the complainant had taken, and the defendant was arrested as a consequence. The defendant, the witness added, was from the Wah Kin boarding house in Hongkong.

The defendant admitted being on board the launch, but stated and after the complainant and his wife had gone on the praya, he left and was not present when the assault took place.

The case was adjourned till tomorrow for a witness to be produced to speak of the defendant's character.

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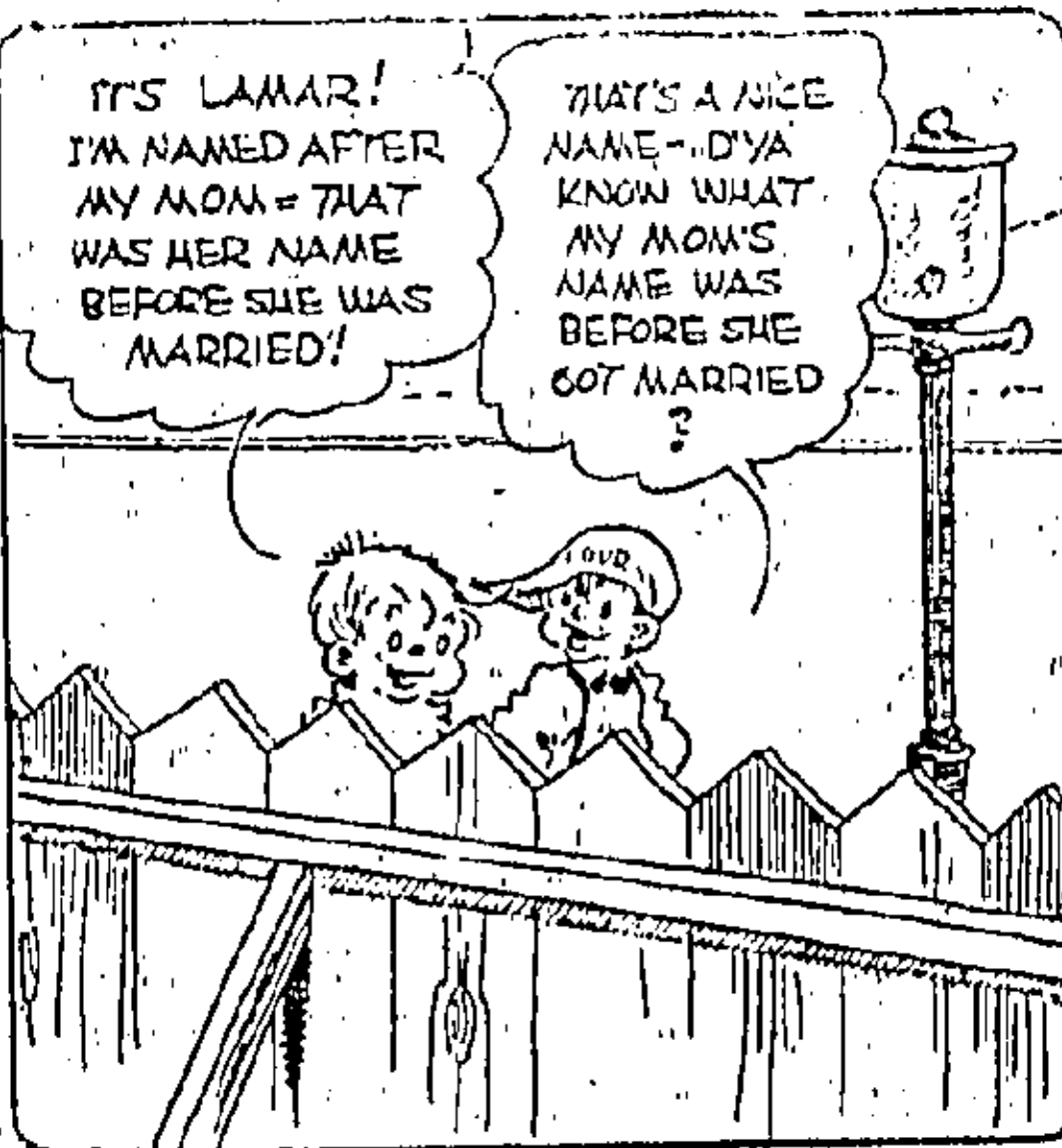
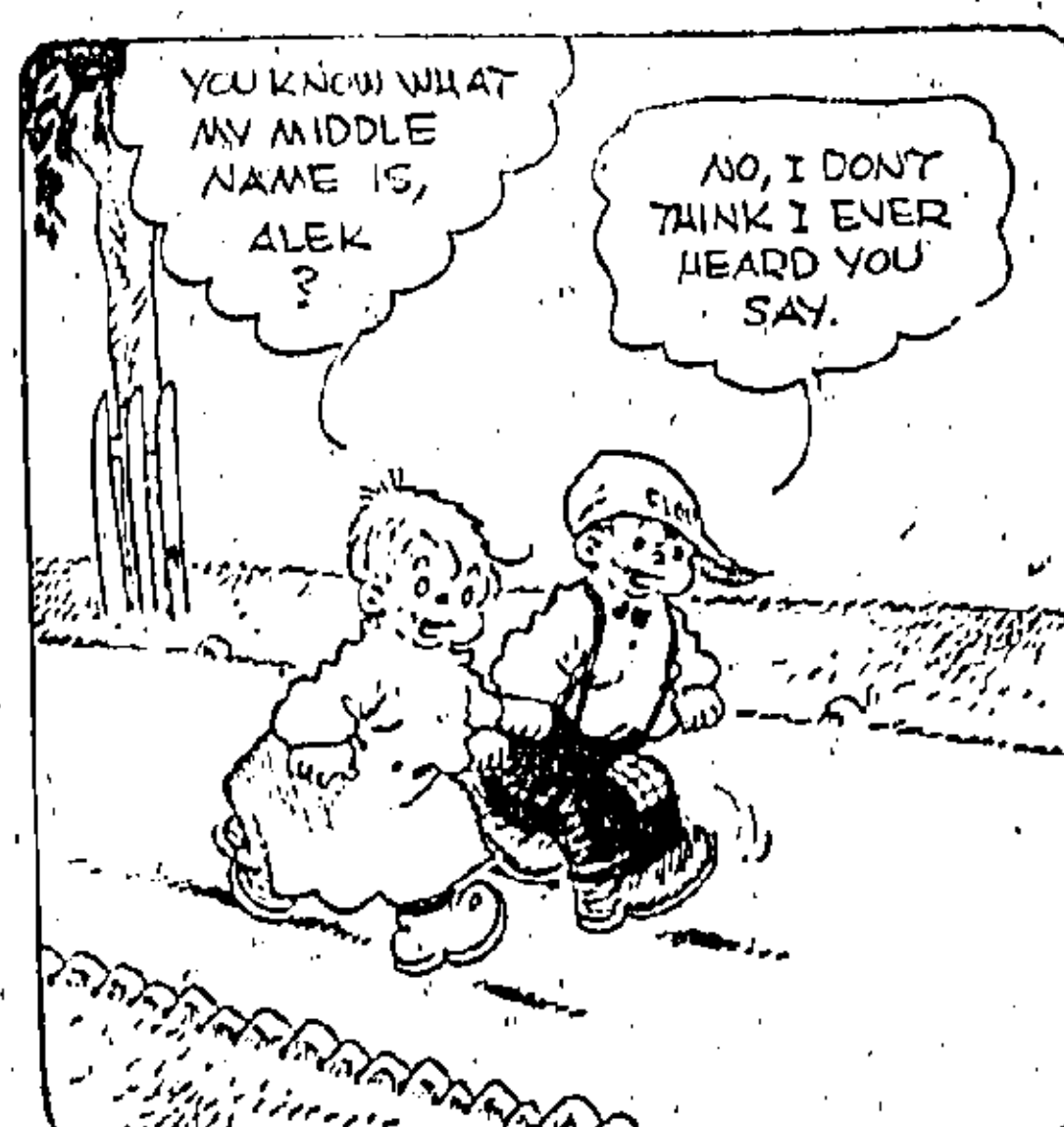
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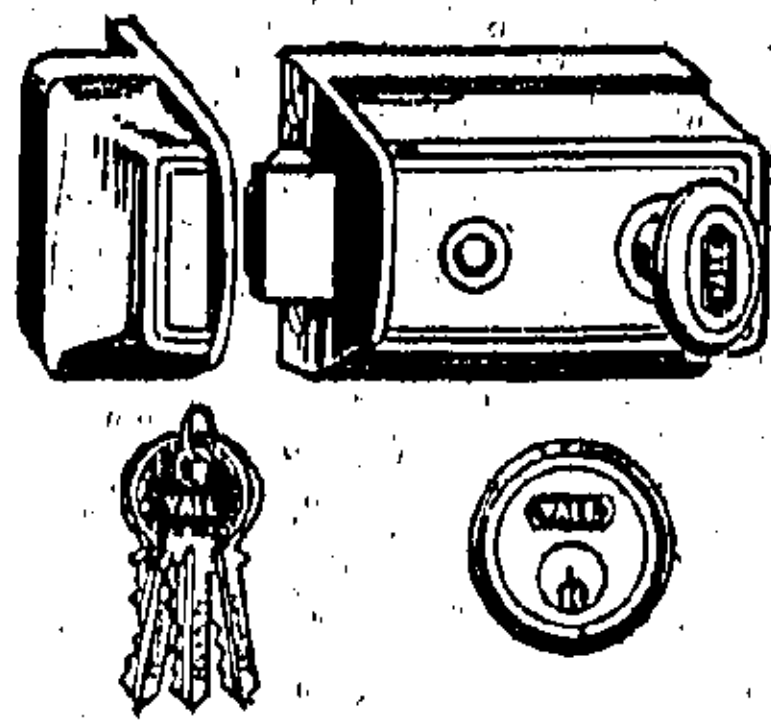
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. E. Sadick wishes to thank relatives and friends for their kind expression of sympathy, for their beautiful floral tributes and also for their attendance at the funeral on the occasion of his recent sad bereavement.

The Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17, 1926.

JAPAN AND CHINA.

The British Government is not alone in being criticised regarding its policy towards China, for we observe from exchanges to hand that early this month there was in the Japanese House of Representatives some very plain speaking as to the attitude of the Tokyo Government over the recent happenings in Manchuria. It was alleged by the chief critic of the Government that Japan had set a bad precedent by not taking action to prevent the late General Kuo Sun-lin from leading his troops into Manchuria, and that this inaction would have regrettable consequences in the future. As against this assertion, the official reply was that Japan was committed to a policy of non-interference in Chinese affairs, and consequently was unable to do anything.

It is by reason of the special significance of Manchurian developments to Japan that the critics of the Government are declaring the necessity of a firm stand being taken. The leader of the Seiyukai Party even went so far as to assert that the Government had shown itself "idle and inefficient" over the Manchurian affair, and pointed to the future possibility of Manchuria being continuously involved in China's civil wars as a result of Japan having taken no action to keep Kuo Sun-lin's forces out. Another point made in the criticism of the Tokyo Government was that in view of the vital importance of Manchuria to Japan, the general international rule of non-interference in the affairs of another country did not hold good, the inference being that it was Japan's business to safeguard peace in that territory. The reply of the Japanese Foreign Minister to these criticisms was, in the main, that Japan could not take any step interfering with the domestic affairs of China, which country was responsible for peace and good order in Manchuria.

It is clear from the debate referred to, and also from numerous other recent indications, that Japan is maintaining a scrupulously correct attitude in her intercourse with China, based on Treaty obligations and many official declarations. Like many other countries, Japan has been sorely tried by recent happenings in China, but, as in the case of Britain, she has shown a commendable restraint under most provoking circumstances. In some quarters, there exists a fear that the policy of patient watchfulness which is being followed by most of the Powers in their dealings with China, may, as time goes on, be taken as a sign of weakness, and may have disastrous reactions. At the moment, however, that policy would seem the wisest, in all the circumstances, but it certainly calls for some better response from China herself than has up to the present been manifested.

U. S. Alien Law.

When the Philadelphia Public Ledger states that the ruling against the Countess of Cathcart is foolish and that the actions of the special Board of Enquiry are making the United States look ridiculous in the eyes of the rest of the world, there will, we think, be few sensibly-minded people who will disagree with that statement. We hold no brief for the idle rich of England any more than we do for the idle rich of America or any other country because we are convinced that the idle rich of all countries are less worthy, less moral and not nearly so good as those who have to work. But America—a land wherein it is easier for the wealthy to get divorced than it is in most other countries—has in its laws governing the admittance of aliens a ruling that any alien who is a divorcee can be kept out of the country on the ground of being undesirable, and it is under this law that the Countess of Cathcart—a South African lady who has had three husbands—has been kept a prisoner on the famous Ellis Island pending arrangements for her to be sent back to England. And the Earl of Craven, a young man who was cited as co-respondent in the proceedings, but who had already got into the United States, has had to flee to Canada to save himself from being arrested as an "undesirable alien." All of which strikes us as being very ill-advised, because titled divorced people of England are not a bit more undesirable than are the hundreds of rich divorced people of America, not a few of whom regularly visit England and the Continent without having to suffer incarceration at the hands of a puritanical and somewhat tyrannical officialdom. Tolerance for one another's parasitical and immoral class ought to be internationally recognised in these days of wide travel, else we are liable to find entry into every country barred until we have satisfied a court of morals composed of immigration officials. Surely, the United States, to use one of its own picturesque phrases, "ought to take a tumble to itself."

AGREEMENT RATIFIED.**U.S. COAL STRIKE OVER.**

New York, Feb. 16. A message from Scranton says that a Convention of the Miners' Union has ratified the agreement for the settlement of the anthracite coal strike.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHIPPING NEWS.**VESSELS NEAR PORT.**

At noon to-day the following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong:

Ginsen Maru, Altai Maru, Tahma, President Garfield, Bintang, Yeyun Maru, Toyooka Maru, Kendall Castle, President Tart, Khiva, D'Artagnan, Mirzapore, Hiching, Hozan Maru, Laisang, Anhui, Kaying, Karmala, Songbo, Tyndarus, Amakusa Maru, Hop-sang, Kutsang, Tilawa, Telemachus, Lungshan, Danmark, Ginyo Maru.

DAY BY DAY.

MANNERS CARRY THE WORLD FOR THE MOMENT, CHARACTER FOR ALL TIME.—A. Bronson Alcott.

The Observatory forecast for to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony for the four days ending on Monday.

The P. & O. s.s. Karmala, which left Shanghai at 4 p.m. yesterday, is due here at 6 a.m. on the 19th instant.

The sixth annual general meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Monday, February 22, at 6 p.m.

The ordinary yearly general meeting of the Hongkong Tramways, Limited, is advertised to be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, February 25, at noon.

As a reminder to holders of arms licences, which became renewable at the beginning of Jan., the police have taken out a number of summonses. At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, two European and one Chinese were each fined \$10 for their neglect of the regulations.

Last week's health return shows one fatal Chinese case of typhoid fever, one non-fatal Canadian case of small-pox and one non-fatal Chinese case of paratyphoid fever. There was also one death from influenza. There were no cases of notifiable disease reported yesterday.

Friends of Mr. F. J. Jenner, of Kowloon Dock, will learn with regret that he has been delayed on his return to the Colony by illness. He should have arrived back on Monday, but when the ship came into port it was learned that he had been taken ashore to hospital at Saigon where he will undergo an operation.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese was charged with converting to his own use a cheque for \$1,150, which had been entrusted to him. Sgt. Wheelan said the officer in charge of the case was away on special duty, and he wanted a remand for forty-eight hours. The defendant was remanded until to-morrow morning.

A vocal, instrumental and dramatical concert is to be given in the Theatre Royal in aid of the New Organ Fund of the Church of Christ in China this evening at 7.30 p.m. There will be violin solos by Mrs. Balcan and Mr. F. D. Bernado; song by Mrs. H. Tong; selections by the orchestra of the Chinese Amateur Musical Association; dances by Misses Sze; Chinese music (vocal) by Messrs. Chin Kwong-yan, Choy Chee-yui and Wong Sook-wan; Chinese music (instrumental) by Messrs. H. C. Yau, K. C. Ng, W. C. Chang, M. T. Yu, S. S. Tse and L. S. Leung; and Chinese boxing by members of the Chin Wai Athletic Association.

There were eighty-four vessels in Harbour at nine o'clock this morning, the entrances and clearances during the previous twenty-four hours being eight and eight. Forty-two of the ships in port are British.

Colliding with a wall at the corner of Seymour Road and Caine Road yesterday, a motor car was smashed, while nine feet of the wall was carried away. The driver was injured slightly by splintered glass, but the passengers escaped unscathed.

Arriving in Hongkong to-morrow on her maiden voyage is the Danish motorship "Denmark". The "Denmark" is the largest Danish motor vessel and is one of the fleet of the East Asiatic Line. The local agents are Messrs. John Manners and Company.

Mr. W. A. Hannibal, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Hongkong A.D.C., informs us that the A.D.C. has been able to forward to the Secretary of the Naval Commander-in-Chief a cheque for \$1,054.38, being the entire proceeds of the first performance of "A Little Bit Pluff" in aid of the M-1 Submarine Fund. The City Hall Committee generously granted the Theatre free.

CORRESPONDENCE.**Misuse of Police Whistles.**

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—It will be greatly appreciated if you will insert this letter, drawing attention to a little matter which is both annoying and foolish. I refer to the blowing of police whistles in the vicinity of the Peak Hotel by children. A few mornings ago, the sound of police whistles prompted me to investigate the cause, which proved to be a little European boy who had apparently become possessed of a most inappropriate toy. Since then, at various hours of the day, this plaything has been made full use of. The Indian police have apparently become accustomed to it, but, should a genuine alarm be raised, it is reasonable to suspect that no notice would be taken of it. Thanking you and enclosing my card.—Yours etc.

ANTI-WOLF.
Hongkong, Feb. 17th, 1926.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES.**PRINCE OF WALES VISITS FAIR.**

Rugby, Feb. 16. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the British Industries Fair in London and inspected the chief exhibits. He expressed appreciation of the manner in which British manufacturers were represented. Their Majesties the King and Queen are expected to pay a visit during this week.

As evidence that many foreign countries will be represented by their buyers or agents, the catalogue has been printed in eight European languages besides English.

Dealing with the specific exhibits, it may be mentioned that the department devoted to scientific instruments is a most arresting one. The display of musical instruments is most extensive, whilst the exhibit of wireless apparatus includes wireless transmitting and receiving sets specially designed for use on board ships. Everything connected with the development of broadcasting is also shown by British manufacturers who have specialized in wireless instruments. The collection of toys shows that the British toymaker is making a distinctive article.—*British Wireless.*

GERMANY AND LEAGUE.**BRITISH LABOUR OPPOSE INCREASE.**

With reference to the suggestion to give Poland, Spain and Brazil permanent seats on the Council of the League of Nations, the Labour Opposition has given notice of a motion in the House of Commons welcoming the application of Germany for entry into the League, supporting the condition that she should thereupon receive a permanent seat on the Council, and opposing that a concurrent increase of permanent seats on the Council in order to accommodate the claims of other nations, is to be regarded as a violation of the Locarno agreement and should not be supported by the British Government.—*Reuter.*

IEWS OF BRITISH DOMINIONS.

London, Feb. 16. According to the *Daily Telegraph's* diplomatic correspondent, South Africa has very strongly made representations to the Imperial Government against the enlargement of the League Council beyond the admission of Germany at present. It is understood that two other Dominions endorse South Africa's lead, pending, perhaps, a collective *de marche* in the same sense by all the Dominions.—*Reuter.*

BURMA STRIKE.**DEMANDS BY OIL COMPANY LABOURERS.**

Rangoon, Feb. 16. Two-thirds of the oilfield labourers of the Burmah Oil company at Yenang Yang and Chauk Singu are involved in a strike demanding a reduction of taxation, the abolition of the Labour Bureau and the adoption of a monthly wage arrangement instead of a daily.—*Reuter.*

"RECONSTITUTED MILK."**A SINGAPORE CONTROVERSY.**

The *Telegraph* correspondent at Singapore writes as follows:

The controversy over "reconstituted milk" is over, but the Government has not come well out of it, since it could not be denied, that although the law expressly prohibited the importation of skim milk in any form, the Singapore Cold Storage Company, which has an absolute monopoly here, has been permitted to import a certain brand of skim milk powder. This powder was used for "reconstituted milk," which consists of this powder, milk fats, and water, and which is a perfectly wholesome product; it is being used extensively in the local hospitals. In fact, it represents an application of scientific research to dairying with which this country could ill afford to dispense.

At the same time, the consequences to child life might be disastrous if this process got into the hands of small local traders, and, though the Cold Storage Company is a responsible concern, the Government made a mistake in permitting the Company to market this product before the safeguards had been fully explained and the approval of the Legislative Council obtained. The necessary amendment in the law has now been made, and the discussion has shown that, under the conditions imposed upon the manufacturers, this milk will be a safe and valuable addition to our food supply. But the Singapore press has found a useful stick placed ready to its hand with which to beat the Government, and no doubt the Government has learnt its lesson.

UNEMPLOYED RUSSIANS.**SENT TO HOUSE OF DETENTION.**

Three Russians, named Justin Javorsky, George Klichoff, and Ernst Rani, respectively, appeared before Major Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, charged with being in the Colony without employment and visible means of subsistence.

The first defendant said he was engaged as a coal passer by the captain of a German steamer at Shanghai, and the second engineer told him he would be signed on as a hand as soon as they arrived at Manila. About five minutes before the boat was due to leave Hongkong, the captain put him ashore in Hongkong with three others, and left them.

Sgt. Elson said the three defendants were together on the same boat. One was engaged as a fireman, but the other two were stowaways. If the first defendant's story was true, he had been very badly treated by the Company. He added that the Captain Superintendent of Police was writing to the Company about the matter.

Both the other defendants admitted the charges, and they were all three remanded to the House of Detention.

ESPIONAGE TRIAL.**FIFTEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH.**

Riga, Feb. 16. At the conclusion of the trial at Leningrad of forty-eight Estonians charged with espionage, fifteen were sentenced to death. The Public Prosecutor, in a ten hours speech, said that the Intelligence Departments of Britain and the Baltic States were co-ordinated and consequently all espionage information reached Britain.—*Reuter.*

ARMY AND NAVY.**U.S. APPROPRIATION BILLS.**

Washington, Feb. 16. The House of Representatives has passed and sent to the Senate the War Department Appropriation Bill totalling \$339,530,000.

The Senate has passed the Naval Appropriation Bill totalling \$316,433,000, which is \$4,521,000 below the Budget Committee's Estimate.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Later. The total includes \$18,900,000 for aviation, an increase of approximately \$5,000,000 as compared with the appropriation approved by the House of Representatives.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MONDAY'S STEEPLECHASE RACES



"Going over" a snapshot taken at the steeplechasing in the New Territories, under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt, on Monday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

ALLEGED STOLEN JEWELLERY.

CASE AGAINST WOMAN WITHDRAWN.

After being adjourned, the case in which a Chinese woman is charged with stealing her mistress's jewellery, valued at \$1,500 from 33, Queen's Road, again came up this morning, when Major Wilson asked if there was any evidence.

Sgt. Carey said he had received instructions from Mr. T. H. King to withdraw, as the evidence was merely circumstantial. He explained that on the 16th inst., the defendant locked herself in her mistress's en suite, where there was a box containing jewellery. Another woman knocked at the door and asked to be admitted, but the defendant did not open the door. Half an hour later, the defendant said she wanted to go to Kowloon City, and she went out, taking a parcel with her. The loss of the jewellery was discovered on the following day, and, on being questioned, the defendant said she had been to Kowloon City, but afterwards said she had been to see a travelling trader at a Chinese village. They could not find the trader, because he had returned to the country, and the property had not been recovered.

The case was withdrawn.

COMPANY REPORTS.

ELECTRIC COMPANY'S DIVIDEND.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of the Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd., to be held on 12th March, the Board of Directors will recommend that the balance available for distribution be disposed of as follows:

To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share on 300,000 shares	\$750,000.00
To place to Reserve	600,000.00
To carry forward to next account	\$4,118.75
	\$1,354,118.75

UNION WATERBOAT CO.

The Union Waterboat Company, Limited, advises that, subject to audit, the net balance at Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1925, is \$16,388.46, which amount the members of the Consulting Committee will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend the following distribution:

Pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share	\$34,653.75
Transfer to Insurance Fund	6,000.00
Transfer to Superannuation Fund	5,000.00
Carry forward to New Account	5,734.71

President Coolidge on Feb. 10, approved the sentence of death imposed by military court-martial at Fort McKinley, Manila, upon Second Lieutenant John S. Thompson, Signal Corps, U.S.A., for the murder of Miss Audrey Burleigh on April 5, last.

DEPORTABLE ALIENS.

MILLION IN AMERICA.

New York, Feb. 16. The New York correspondent of the *Daily Express* reports a dramatic sequel to the exclusion of the Countess of Cathcart, Mr. Curran (the Immigration Commissioner) having sent to the Government Immigration Committee a report estimating that there are over a million "deportable aliens" in America. The committee intended to recommend Congress immediately to vote \$200,000 in order to facilitate deportations. —*Reuter's American Service.*

ORATOR FINED.

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Chinese tobacco, called "The Hundred Sparrows," and of a supposed pension of \$25 which was being given for 100 to those who had been responsible in the good work of securing a market for the sale of this brand of cigarettes. It was also said that the defendant counselled his audience to submit peacefully to a police search, and not to run away, as did hawkers from Indian consulates. His audience should know that the penalty inflicted in those cases was only a fine of \$2.

Mr. McCallum, for the defence, suggested that the defendant was only preaching against the corruption of certain officials. His allusion to people "with the curly hair and the hooked noses" might have some bearing on the Bolshevik element in Canton. Such terms as "foreign devils" had come to mean very little these days from frequent usage and Mr. McCallum submitted that his client was engaged on an advertisement stunt for his pills. The Magistrate said he was not inclined to think that the man was a habitual agitator. At the same time while engaged in his advertising campaign he used inadvisable words, disturbing to the minds of the persons who were listening. His Worship did not think that the defendant was deliberately attempting to stir up trouble. He thought a fine of \$25 and a personal bond of \$50 binding the man over to keep the peace for six months would meet the case.

CRUISER LAUNCHED.

TWO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS.

London, Feb. 16.

Two unusual incidents marked to-day's launching of H.M.S. Suffolk, which is the first of five cruisers of the County class at present being constructed at Portsmouth.

Lady Bristol, who performed the christening, made six efforts to break the champagne bottle across the bows before being successful, and later, when the control rope was severed, the vessel refused to budge. The suspense ended in a burst of enthusiastic applause from onlookers later, when the huge bulk was seen to start to glide towards the sea. —*Reuter.*

BRITISH FINANCES.

NATIONAL DEBT FIGURES.

Rugby, Feb. 16.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons that, taking sterling at par the British net payment to the United States Government during 1926 would amount to £33,062,000 in capital and interest. Against this, we should receive about £14,000,000 from German reparations and inter-Ally war debts already funded.

Mr. Churchill said that the total amount of National Debt at December 31st last was £7,738,000,000. The estimated charge for interest, sinking fund and management for the financial year ending March 31st next was £305,000,000. The amount due per head of population on these figures was £171 and 28.15s. respectively.

To Mr. Churchill's statement it may be added that the National Debt on March 31st 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, was £681,000,000 or about one-twelfth of the present amount. —*British Wireless.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

London, Feb. 16.

Playing in the Scottish League Queens Park defeated St. Mirren by one goal to nil. —*Reuter.*

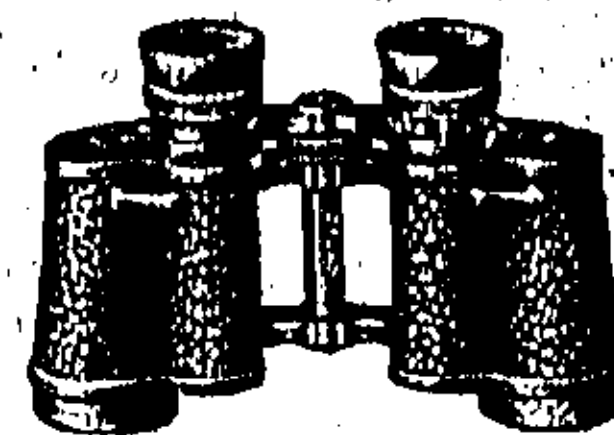
Jichang, Jan. 25. — The number of bullet holes in the smoke stacks and framework of the steamers plying between Jichang and Chungking testify that the trip has other excitements than seeing the flames leaping out of the tops of the funnel as the ship forces its way up the tearing rapids, the occasional grind over some stones, or sudden list as she is gripped by a mighty whirlpool. But up till now piracy has not been amongst the thrills of this journey. Last week, however, the military somehow got wind that a number of pirates had boarded the S. Fushing (Italian flag) as passengers, intending to loot the ship. A number of soldiers were sent on board to search the passengers and three men were captured with revolvers concealed in their clothes, and another dozen revolvers were picked up in different parts of the ship, evidently thrown away by the pirates when they saw the soldiers come on board. The river is now getting low and navigation demands great skill and nerve. The general report is that freight is not very plentiful, but as most of the steamers leave port pretty heavily loaded it is evident that "pidgin" cargo is plentiful, sufficiently so to be a danger to the ship and to add anxiety for the skipper. Everything here seems to be peaceful and prosperous. — *Shipping Engineering.*

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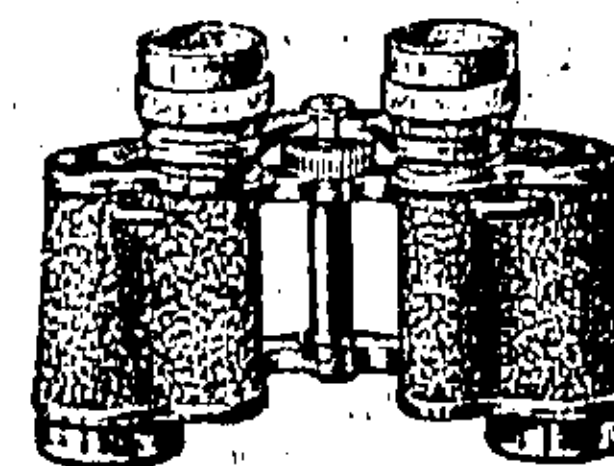


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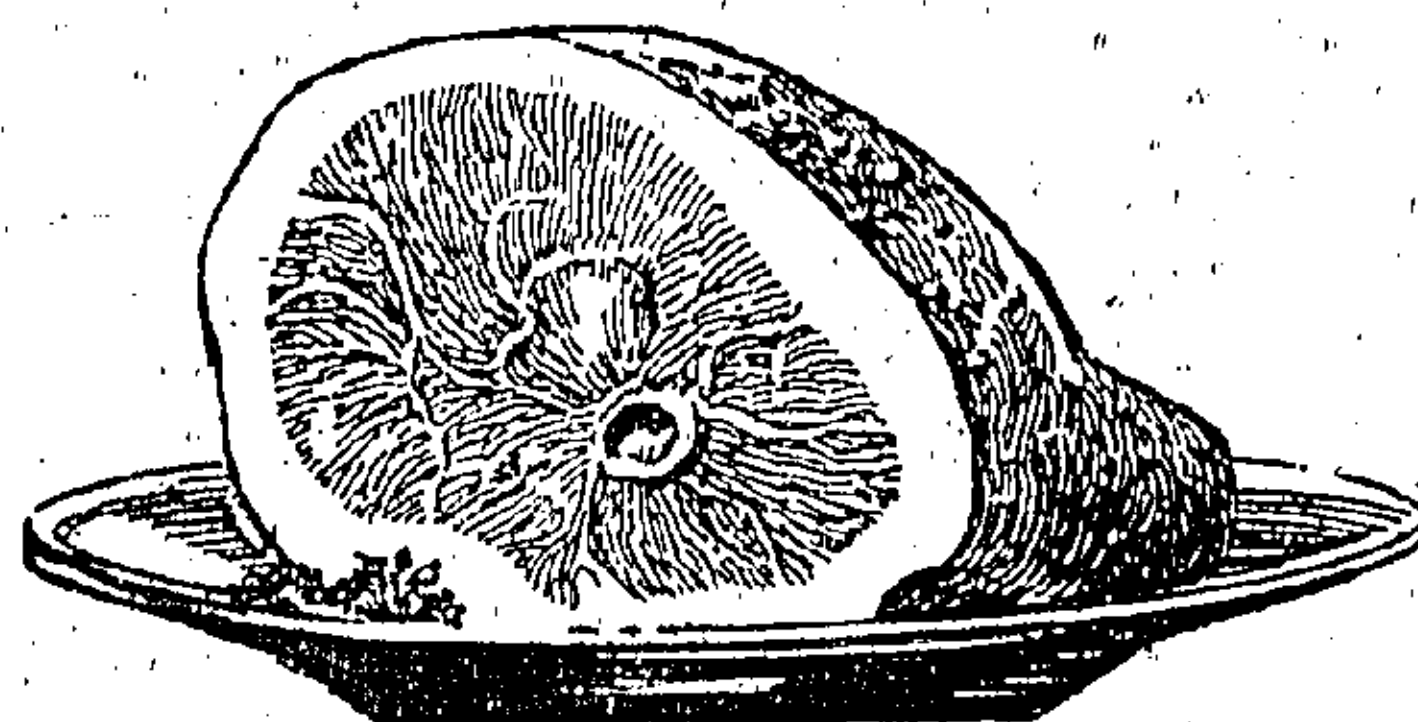
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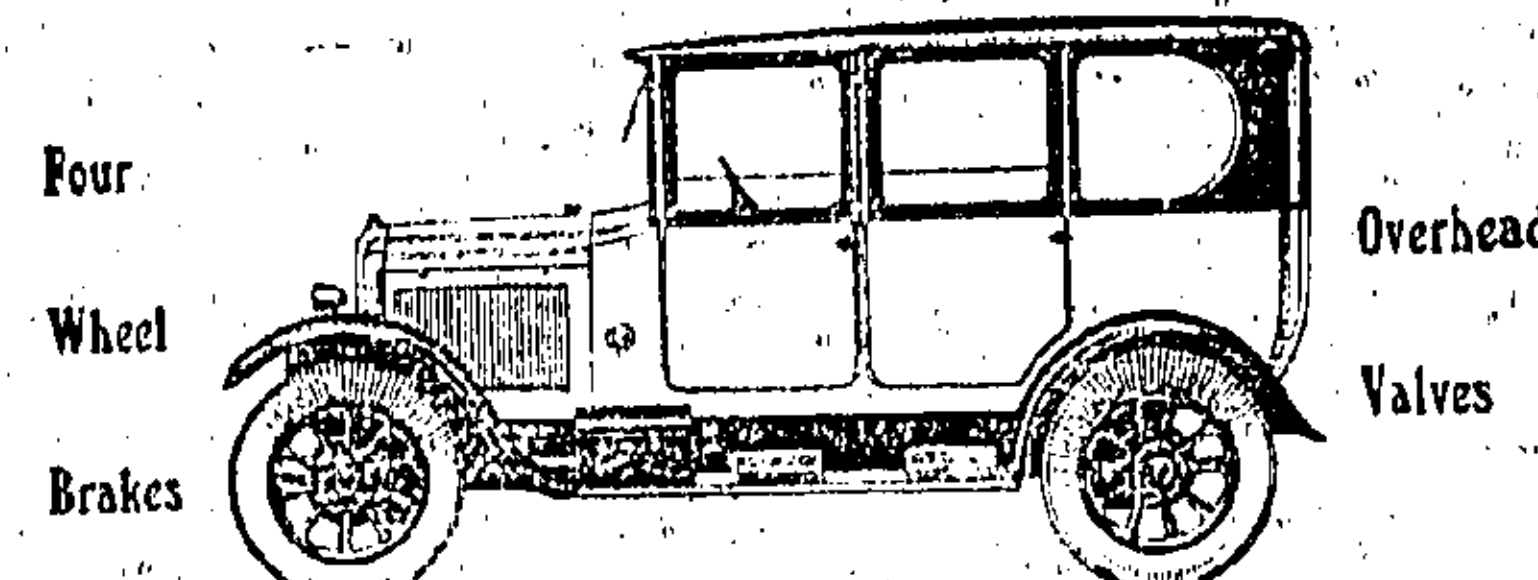
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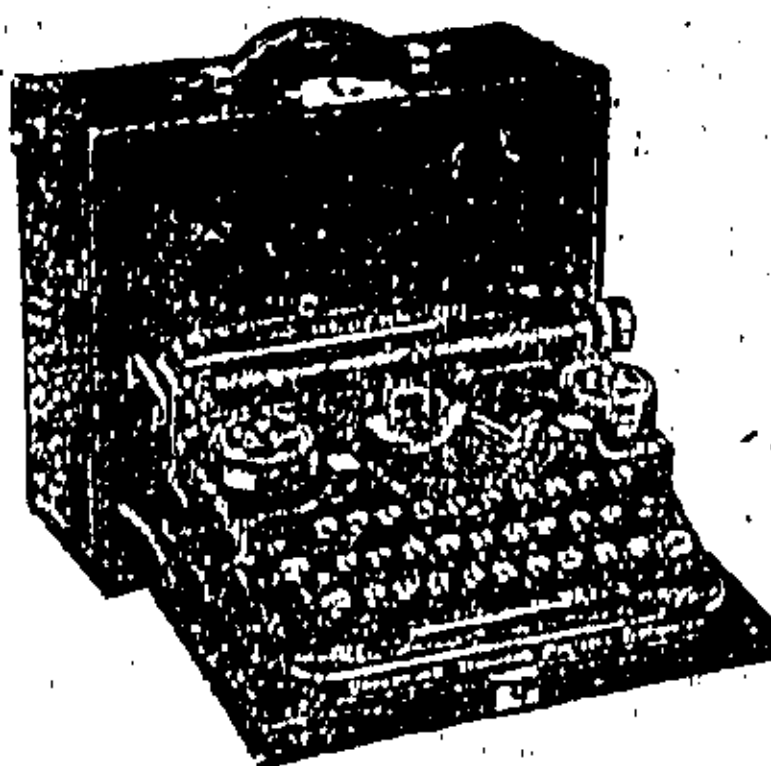


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WITCHERY & REVENGE.

A PARISH PRIEST FLOGGED.

A story of "sorcery" and
superstition, worthy of the Middle
Ages, comes from near Melun,
where a parish priest was stripped
of his clothing and scourged
with thongs, till he became in-
sensible, by a group of a dozen
men and women.

Melun is not far from Paris,
and the party had come all the
way from Bordeaux.

They are well-known and
respected people, belonging to a
sect known as "Notre Dame des
Pleurs" (Our Lady of Weeping),
and they declared that they
scourged the priest to drive the
devil out of him.

For some time, they said, he
had cast a spell over certain
members of their sect, some of
whom had died, and others had
been taken ill.

The priest, Abbe Denoyer, aged
59, had just concluded a service
in his village church of Bombon,
and retired to the vestry, when
the 12, who had been present,
followed him.

It seems that the priest's woman
servant was suspicious. She locked
the door of the vestry, and
prevented the 42 worshippers
from Bordeaux from entering.

But the party followed her to
the presbytery, and there bound
and gagged her, and took the
vestry keys.

Thus they were able to enter
the vestry, where they threw
pepper into the eyes of the priest,
bound and gagged him, stripped
off part of his clothing, and then
each, in turn, gave him several
lashes with a thick knotted cord.

They were preparing to scorch
his bare feet, chanting the
"Magnificat" at the same time,
when an inspector of police broke
in.

Mons. l'Abbe was then uncon-
scious, with his back and legs
terribly cut. He was taken home.
He will be laid up for at least
a month.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.
Without resistance the aggres-
sors were taken to the gendar-
merie and magistracy at Melun.

"We belong to the order of
"Notre Dame des Pleurs," said
their spokesman.

"Not an order, but a sect," the
magistrate remarked.

"It was founded (the spokes-
man went on) some years ago by
a holy woman, Marie Mesmin,
who lives on the Boulevard-Pierre
Premier, Bordeaux.

"There are 80 members. Marie
Mesmin, in her visions, found that
the Abbe Denoyer was working
against his brothers and sisters.

"Several of them were ill and
some died, victims of the spells of
the priest.

"Last year Marie Mesmin wrote
to the Public Prosecutor asking
protection from the machinations
of the priest.

"Nothing was done; so we came
to scourge the priest and chase
away the evil spirits which were
urging him to harm us.

"We left Bordeaux by train,
stayed in Paris overnight, and
came to Bombon in motor-cars.

"Had the train fare not been so
dear, there would have been 50
of us."

The band of 12 included an
accountant and two farmer's sons.
One of the women is the widow
of an officer who was killed in
Syria—thinks (they say) to the
Abbe's evil spirits.

The women were released, but
the men kept under arrest.

It is stated that Denoyer
formerly belonged to the sect,
hence its visitation on him.

One of the aggressors says:
"We are ready again to protect
Marie Mesmin. As a woman was
a victim of the evil spirits, it will
become women to take part in the
punishment."

LOURDES AND LEVANT.
When the sect was founded in
1906, Marie Mesmin was a con-
cierge or Bordeaux. She had
brought from Lourdes a small
statue of the Virgin.

In Mesmin's apartment, it was
said, the statue would sometimes
"weep," and believers in the
miracle formed a sect, which by
1910 numbered 600. They built
a chapel.

Inquiry by Church authorities
showed that the "tears" were com-
posed of public supply water.

After removal the statue ceased
to weep, and the authorities for-
bade the faithful to take part in
the rites of the sect.

Under Marie Mesmin there
served formerly a priest who
called himself Vicar-General of
Sidon, in Syria.
He quarrelled with her, but
when he left the district in 1917

SIBERIAN KLONDIKE.

THOUSANDS OF HUNGRY HUNTERS FOR WEALTH.

The hordes of Koreans, Japa-
nese and Chinese who have been
flocking to the Aldan river gold
fields, Russia's new "Klondike,"
doubtless will be thrown into
consternation now that the Soviet
government has issued a decree
giving all non-Russian prospec-
tors and residents one month in
which to depart. The great mass
of gold is to be for Russians
alone.

The commission of investiga-
tion sent to the gold fields by the
Soviet estimates there are some
400 tons of available gold in the
6,000 square miles of the Aldan
district. The remoteness of the
district and the scarcity of pro-
visions, however, make effective
control by the Soviet authorities
of this new Klondike very difficult.

SOVIET GETS FIRST GOLD.

The richest part of the new gold
district is the valley of the Tumen
river, one of the many streams
which flow into the Aldan river,
itself a tributary of the Lena.
This region is some 300 miles
from Yakutsk and about the same
distance from the nearest point
on the Amur railway.

The government has staked off
the most profitable sections of the
gold-bearing ore and let out the
claims to groups of diggers.
These surrender to the govern-
ment from 10 to 40 pounds of gold
for their collective claim, accord-
ing to its productivity, and after
that may dig for themselves. But
all the gold dust and nuggets ob-
tained must be handed over to
the government, which pays for
it in Soviet currency at the rate
of about \$14 an ounce. No man
upon leaving the gold fields is
allowed to take more than five
pounds of gold with him.

FOOD SHORTAGE ACUTE.

Although some of the Russian
papers have painted a rosy picture
of Russia's new "Eldorado," it is
known that there are nearly 5,000
prospectors in the Aldan district
without employment. Many of
these men, so far from finding
gold, have not been able to find a
crust of bread. There is an acute
shortage of provisions, due to the
inaccessibility of the gold fields
to any point of civilization.

Last year two steamers set out
from Yakutsk to find their way
to the new Klondike. Much of
their course up the tributaries of
the Aldan had never been navi-
gated before, but they arrived
safely about 35 miles from the
fringe of the gold fields and
landed about 200 tons of pro-
visions. Since then, more or less
regular communication by aero-
plane has been established, but
there is still insufficient food to
take care of the 12,000 or more
gold prospectors who now are
there.

ABANDONED FLIGHT.

R36 NOT GOING TO EGYPT.

It is stated that the projected
flight early this year of the big
rigid airship R36 from England to
Egypt and India will not take
place. This decision has been
reached partly in the interests of
economy, and probably the au-
thorities were influenced by the
successful research work done by
the R33.

Such a flight would be bound to
entail considerable expense, and
unless there was much to be
gained by the venture it would
prove a heavy commitment. The
abandonment of the flight was
foreshadowed some time ago, and
the ship, which is 673 feet long,
has a capacity of 2,000,000 cubic
feet, and a speed of 65 m.p.h.,
while seating fifty passengers—
will not now be recommissioned.

The intended flight to Egypt
would have taken two and a half
days and to India another two
and a half days.

He kissed her "as a token of
peace."

When, later, she was ill and a
lump grew on her face where the
vicar kissed her she had a tooth
extracted, which tooth, she said,
belonged to the "Vicar."

Marie Mesmin, as reported at
the time, went, with four of her
sect, to Nantua (where the "Vicar"
was teaching) broke into his room
and lashed him with a thick whip
and a strip of lead, and thus re-
paid his treacherous kiss.

After that the "Vicar" left for
his native Beirut in Syria; but not
till he had "had the law" on his
assailants.

JAPANESE TRADE.

RECOVERING FROM DEPRESSION.

There are signs that the depres-
sion which affected Japan's
economic and financial world has
definitely reached rock-bottom,
and the indications are that, from
now on, a recovery—even though
it will have to be necessarily slow
—can be confidently looked for-
ward to. This is best to be seen
in the splendid recovery of
Japan's export trade and in the
increased value of the yen.

Full recovery will, however,
depend largely on the foreign
trade of the country and the
Government has enjoined the
nation, in a New Year message,
to co-operate towards this end.
The outlook, according to the
Government, is very bright. The
restoration of peace in Europe;
the prosperity in America; the
balancing of the Indian budget—
all these are signs of a world re-
covery from which Japan too can,
and should profit.

The excess of imports over ex-
ports for the year just closed was
Yen 260,000,000; while, for 1924,
it was so much as Yen 645,000,000.
Japan expects to import much
less raw cotton this year than she
did in 1925 as she has large
supplies on hand; the importation
of rice is also expected to be much
smaller owing to the bumper
crops which farmers reaped
towards the end of last year.

All in all, the future seems
rosy, and bankers and business
magnates believe that 1926 will
see Japan balancing her imports
and exports. "If just that can be
achieved," remarks a staid busi-
ness man in the columns of the
press, "we ought to be satisfied,
for then the economic fabric will
have righted itself."

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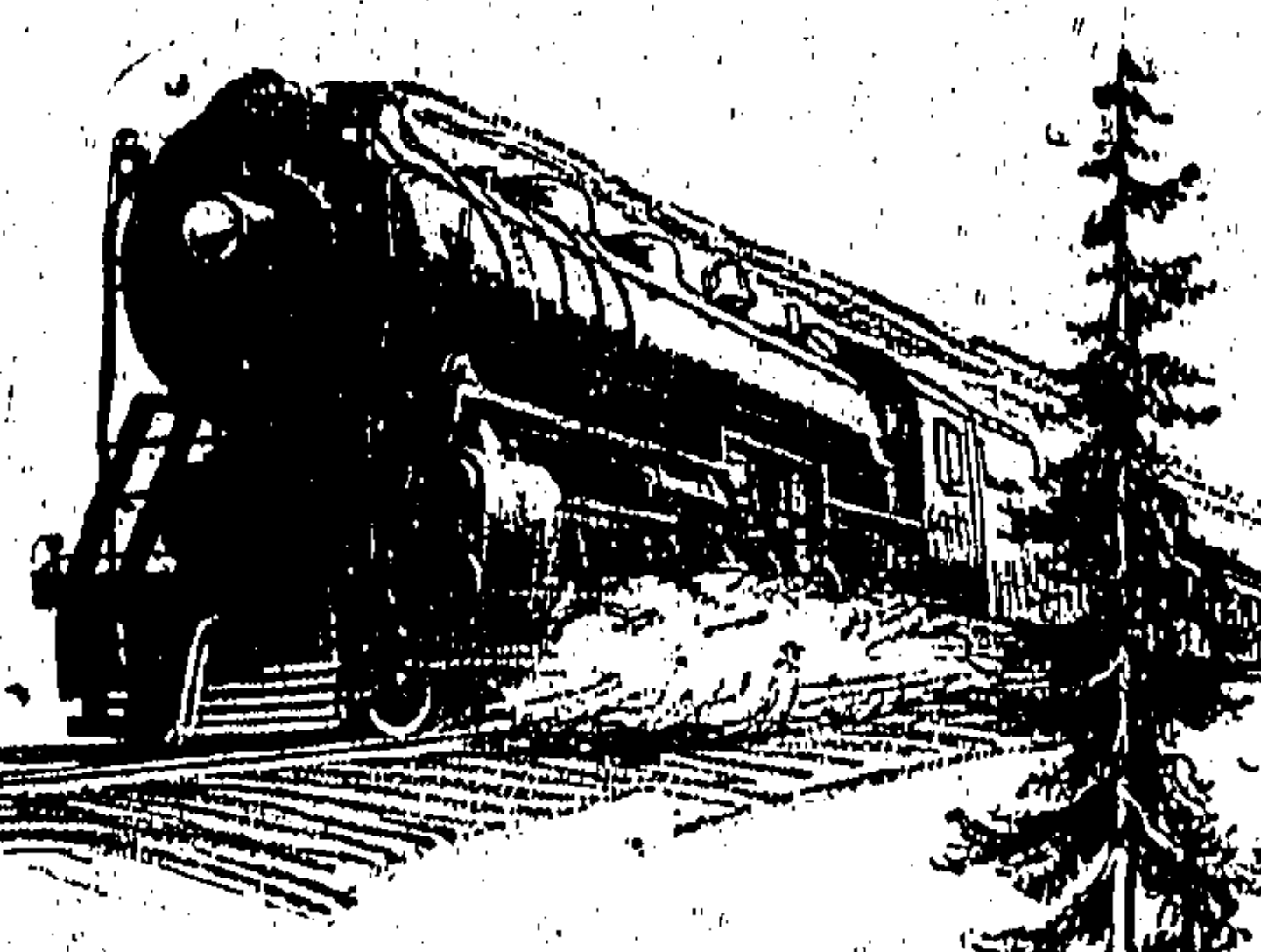
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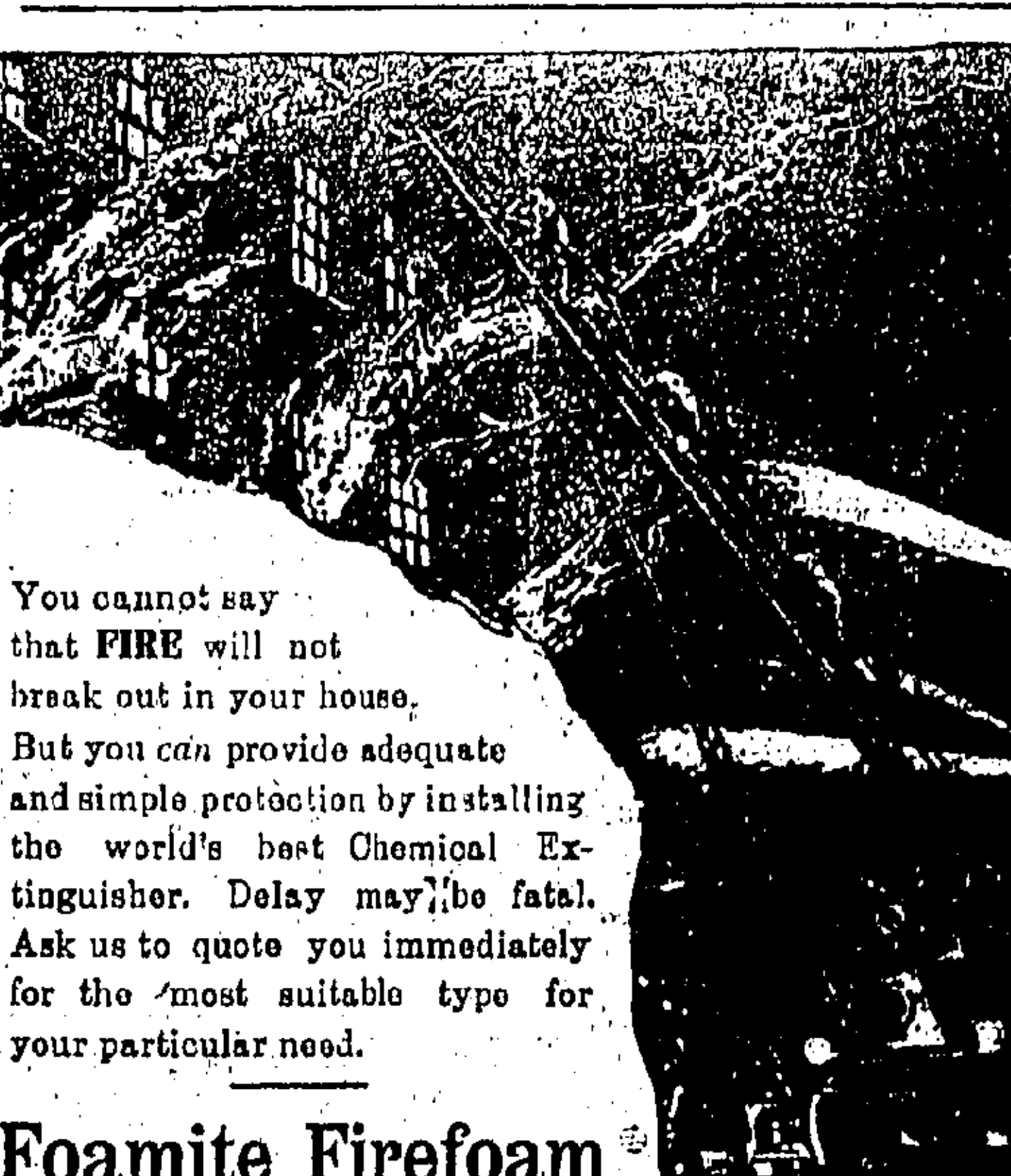
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LENGLEN'S WIN.

GREAT TUSSELE AT CANNES.

SUZANNE IN TEARS.

Cannes, Feb. 16.
At the Carlton tournament, in the ladies' singles final, Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen beat Miss Helen Wills, 6-3, 8-6.

There was sunshine and a very light breeze, and a crowd queued up for the unreserved seats at an early hour. Kinema operators stationed themselves at all available windows in the neighbouring buildings.

The crowd, chiefly consisting of youths and American students, raided the courts and tried to storm the gate. They were thrown back by gendarmes, after making a large breach in the fence.

The appearance of Mlle. Lenglen and Miss Wills on the court was the signal for an outburst of enthusiasm. *Reuter.*

THE PLAY.

In the match between Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen and Miss Helen Wills at Cannes, Miss Wills led in the first set by two games to one. Then Mlle. Lenglen took the games to 4-2, and after the score had reached 4-3, went on to take the next two games and set.

The second set was most exciting, Miss Wills leading by three games to one. The French champion then drew the scores level at 3-3, and the games went ding-dong to 4-4, 5-5 and 6-6. Taking two straight games, Mlle. Lenglen won the set at 8-6. *Reuter.*

LENGLEN IN TEARS.

Cannes, Feb. 16.
Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen's victory over Miss Helen Wills was the victory of a dragon fly over a bee. All Miss Wills' industry, pertinacity and physical strength were unavailing against Mlle. Lenglen's swift darts across the court. Lightning anticipation, seconded by equally rapid movement, out-balanced Miss Wills' hardest drives. It is not only victory of genius over talent, but a striking conquest over her own temperament.

After Mlle. Lenglen's somewhat nervous play in the second set of a match played on the previous day against Contosavlos, doubt began to creep in some minds as to whether her nerves could stand the strain. She was severely tested in this respect not only by Helen Wills' strong resistance but also in the second set when Mlle. Lenglen led by six games to five and Miss Wills appeared to drive outside the court, making Mlle. Lenglen the winner. The players rushed to the net and shook hands under the fire of a battery of cameras, and the crowd cheered.

Then came a sensation. The referee ordered the game to proceed, ruling that Wills' shot had been inside. The score then went to 6-6. Suzanne, however, having brushed tears from her eyes, won the next two games in all-conquering style.

There were amazing scenes more reminiscent of a Cup Final. Thousands were shut out when the gates were closed at nine o'clock in the morning. Parties ensconced themselves amidst the chimneys of neighbouring houses, climbed trees and tram standards, while seats on the tops of motor cars and lorries were sold for big sums.

Mlle. Lenglen said after the match: "There will never again be such a match, I hope. The crowd was most upsetting and drove me crazy."

Miss Wills said: "I did my best, but she was too good." *Reuter.*

SUZANNE FAINTS ON COURT.

After the Lenglen-Wills match, Mlle. Lenglen, and Mlle. Vlasto beat Miss Wills and Mlle. Contosavlos in the final of the ladies' doubles, at the conclusion of which Mlle. Lenglen fainted on the court. *Reuter.*

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

HONGKONG'S INTERPORT GOLF DEFEAT.

[BY "WANDERER."]

Hongkong went down heavily to Shanghai in the second contest of the triangular golf interport between Hongkong, Shanghai and Manila. After securing a valuable lead of 4½ points to 1½ in the singles, Shanghai yesterday made a clean sweep of the best-ball foursomes, and concluded the day with a 10½-1½ points victory.

The conditions were against good golf. The competitors found judgment difficult against a high wind, amounting at times to half a gale and which for the most part was blowing across the course. Shots which under normal circumstances would have been distinctly useful came to grief continuously, and the greens were also playing curious tricks. Shanghai's success was fully deserved. As a combination their representatives were superior to the locals, and Ferrier and Blinks were almost as much at home at Peking as they are at Shanghai.

The results yesterday were: H. W. Budd and A. R. Blinks (Shanghai) beat A. H. Ferguson and I. W. Shewan (Hongkong) by two up and one to play. J. B. Ferrier and H. R. Malcolm (Shanghai) defeated W. Douglas and K. M. Smith (Hongkong) 3 and 2. L. Parbury and J. F. Pilcher (Shanghai) defeated T. D. E. Pendered and A. K. Mackenzie (Hongkong) 1 up.

Four fives at the first hole in the game between Ferguson and Shewan and Budd and Blinks was a bad start, but Hongkong took the lead at the second when Ferguson 'holed out in one under bogey after his drive had alighted in a hazard. The 3rd and 4th were halved and Blinks' five at the Dip squared the match.

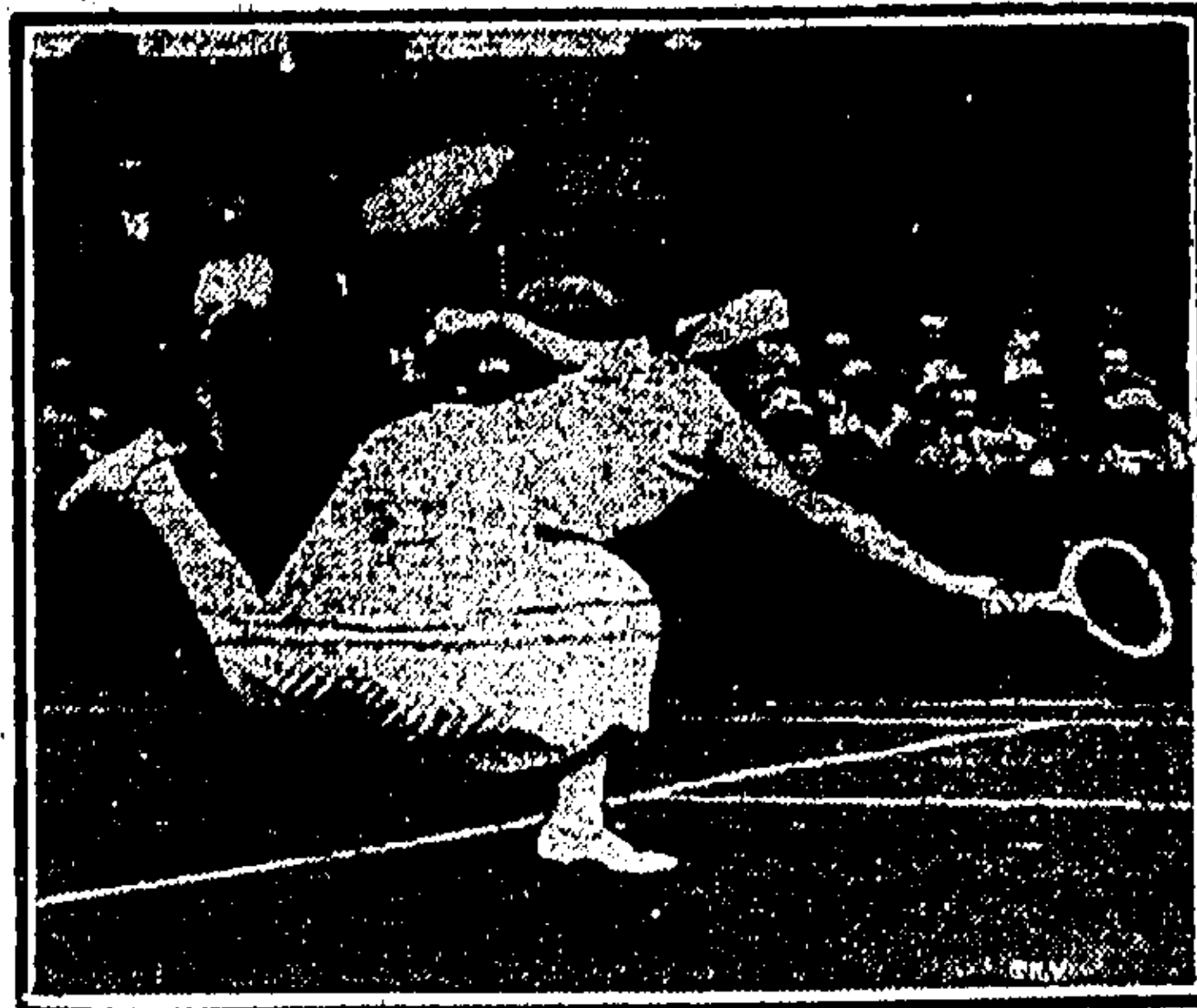
Blinks took the sixth, the long hole, with a perfect three against bogey five, while Budd's three at the next placed Shanghai two up. Budd missed two easy putts on the eighth green enabling Hongkong to take it with five, but Shanghai went ahead once again at the eleventh. The morning round finished with Shanghai three up, a position which they had maintained at the Turn in the afternoon. Hereabouts Hongkong made a big effort taking the eighth in five, winning the next hole also and squaring the match at the Gem, thanks to Ferguson, who placed beautifully on to the green with a brassie shot into the teeth of the wind and made the hole easily in three.

The thirteenth was halved, Budd put Shanghai once more ahead at the fourteenth, the Armchair was halved and Budd holed out at the sixteenth in three, making Shanghai dormey two.

The next being another half, Shanghai were left winners by two and one. Ferrier and Malcolm commenced sensationally against Douglas and Smith. They won the first three holes. From the fourth onward the Hongkong pair put up a great fight and at the ninth they had reduced the advantage to one. At the Gem they were all square, but Ferrier brought off some good shots and at the seventeenth Shanghai were two up. Douglas won the eighteenth.

In the afternoon, the Hongkong pair squared at the 19th, lost the 20th and halved the next. At the Rise, Douglas had pulled his drive and he made a sad mistake which cost Hongkong the hole. He recovered exceedingly well and was within easy holding distance for a four, but under the mistaken impression that Smith had already holed out in that number he picked up, only to find that Smith had taken five. Ferrier holed out in four and took the hole. All four found trouble at the Dip and Douglas took the hole in five. Ferrier's second had been badly trapped, cost him two to get out and then he was

LENGLEN ON THE MOVE



Suzanne Lenglen, the French tennis wonder, who has just beaten Helen Wills, is here seen in a characteristic action picture.

INTERPORT GOLF.

MANILA LEADING AGAINST SHANGHAI.

In the trees on the other side, Malcolm played the hole badly. On the green in two, he took four putts.

Malcolm placed Shanghai two up with a bogey at the Turn, and after two further holes had been halved, Ferrier made it three up at the Gem after alighting in the sand bunker on the right of the green. At the 32nd Shanghai were dormey four, but the Hongkong pair took the match to the 34th before admitting defeat by three and two.

The keenest fight of the day, providing the most interesting features, was that between Mackenzie and Pendered and Parbury and Pilcher. The Hongkong pair got off to a bad start, being four down at the Turn in the morning. Pendered improved considerably in the run home and with Mackenzie also playing well, the lead was not only wiped out but the Hongkong pair went to tiffin leading by a hole. Mackenzie won the tenth, Pendered halved the eleventh and took the Gem in a splendid three. Pendered got a remarkably good two at the sixteenth, Mackenzie requiring three and the Shanghai men four. Pendered put Hongkong one up at the eighteenth. In the afternoon, fortunes fluctuated though at no time was either side more than one up. At the Saddle, Hongkong were one down, they squared at the next and then a sequence of halved holes brought them to the last green. Pilcher got down in a four which gave Shanghai the match.

Few (Manila) two up on Budd (Shanghai). Ivory (Manila) three up on Parbury (Shanghai). Train (Manila) three up on Malcolm (Shanghai). Mason (Manila) seven down to Blinks (Shanghai). Nell (Manila) two up on Pilcher (Shanghai). Benedict (Manila) four down to Ferrier (Shanghai).

TEST CRICKET.

WEST INDIES MAKE BIG SCORE.

George Town, Feb. 16.
At the close of play to-day, the scores stood:—

West Indies, 462, to which Browne contributed 102, not out. M.C.C., 97 for three wickets, Holmes having made 53. *Reuter.*

[This is the first innings of the final Test Match which began on Saturday.]

Later. The M.C.C. were all out for 264. Following on, they had scored six runs for one wicket at the close of play. *Reuter.*



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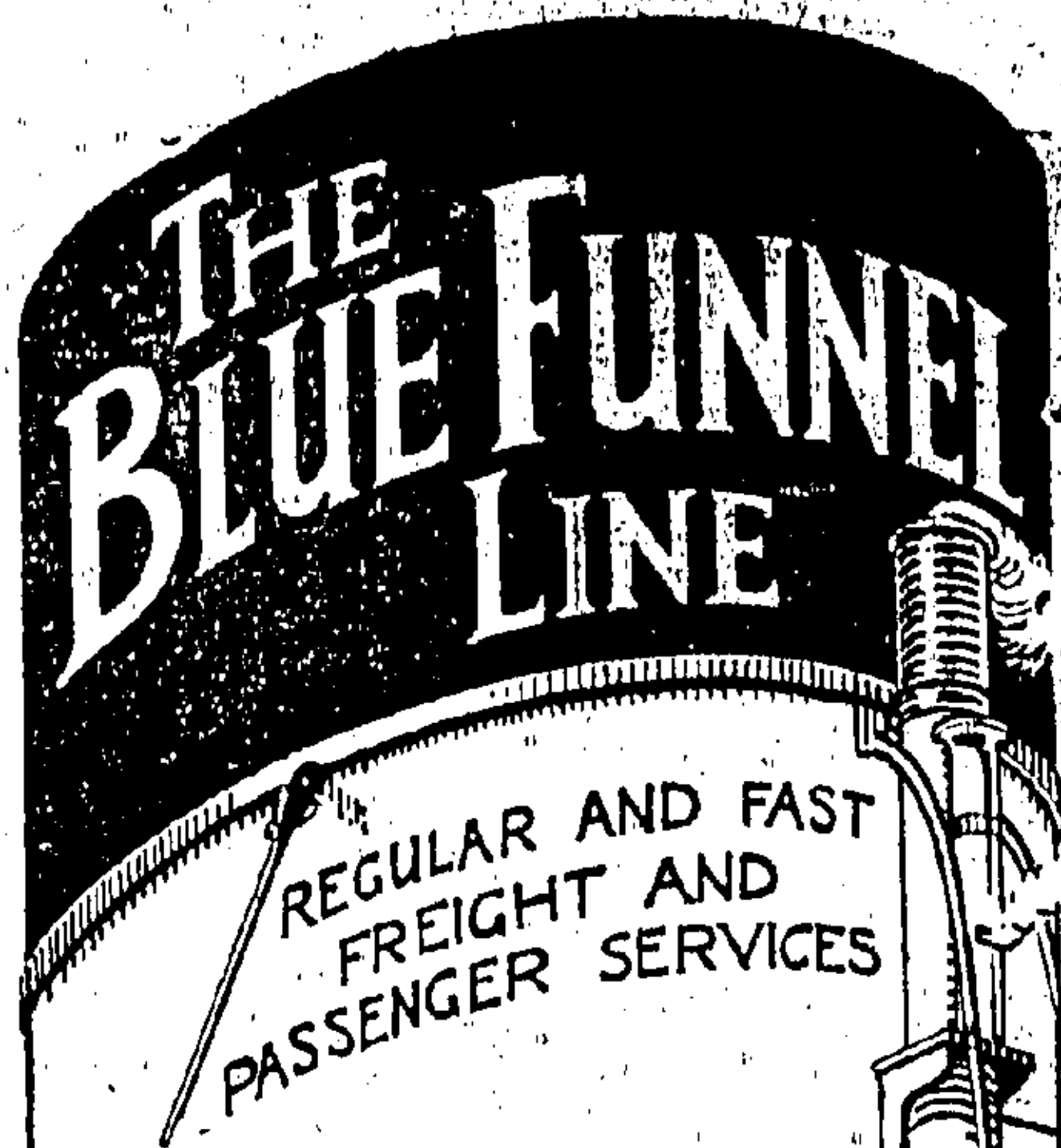
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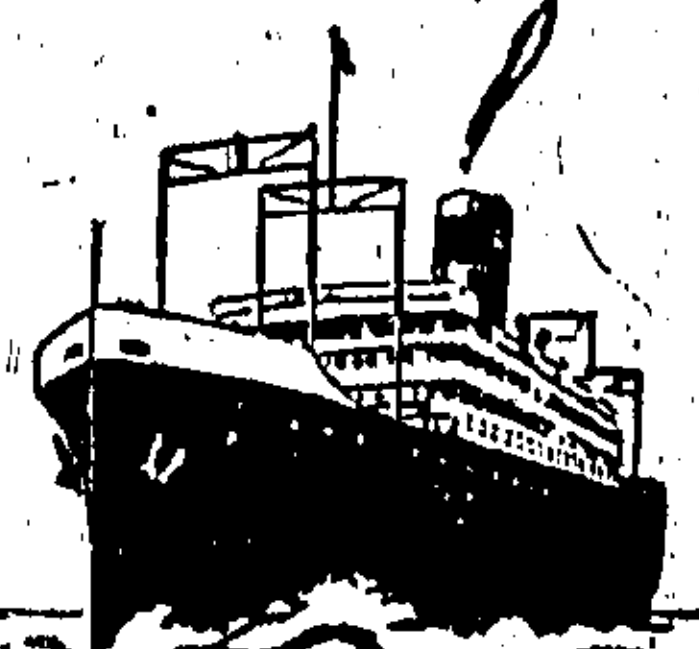
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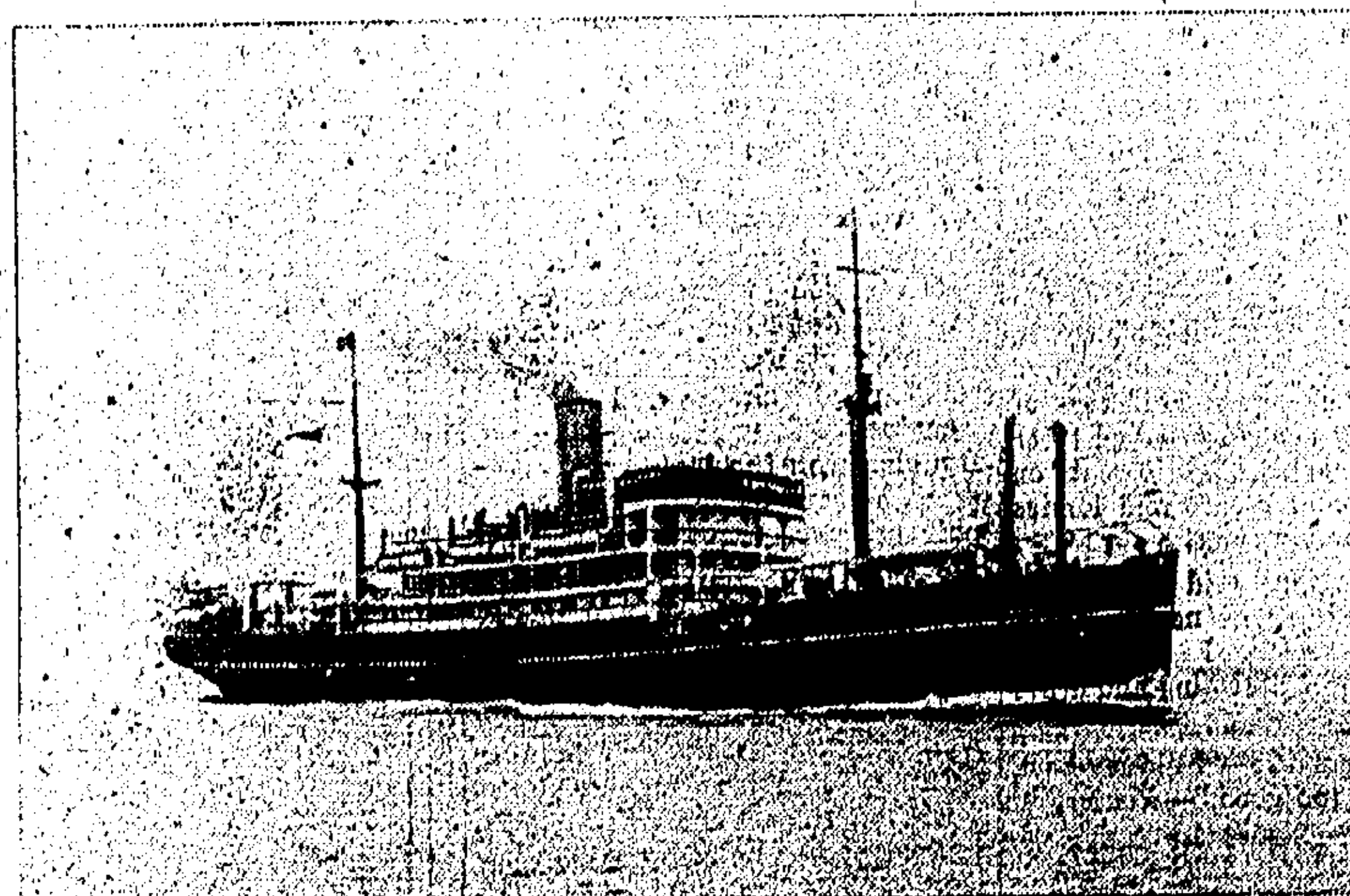
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MANTHA	10,902	6th March	Marseilles & London
KASHAIR	8,985	13th March	M'les, London & Antwerp
KIDDERPORE	5,334	18th March	S'pore, Penang & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	20th March	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
MOREA	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	15th April	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Saigon	Perth	February 17
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	February 17
Straits	Suisang	February 17
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Taft	February 18
Shanghai	Karmah	February 19
Europe via Suez letters and parcels		
London, 21st Jan., and Parcels		
14th, January	Khiva	February 20
Japan	Mishima Maru	February 23
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	February 24

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Tourne	Kasara	Wed. Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Haitow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Taiqua Maru	Thurs. Feb. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Tourane and Quinhon	Devayongse Thura	Thurs. Feb. 18, 8.30 p.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	Thurs. Feb. 18, 8.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Kingsu	Thurs. Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tilawa	Thurs. Feb. 18, 10 a.m.
	Letters	11 a.m.
	Parcels	10 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs. Feb. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Japan	Macassar Maru	Thurs. Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy & Poochow	Derwent	Thurs. Feb. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Bandoeng Maru	Thurs. Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
	Fri. Feb. 19, 8.30 a.m.	
Straits	Penbrokeshire	Fri. Feb. 19, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Kaying	Fri. Feb. 19, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Parcels	19th 5 p.m.
	Registration	6.15 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver, March 10).	
Haiphong	Kaying	Fri. Feb. 19, 10 a.m.
Saigon and Bangkok	Sekow Maru	Fri. Feb. 19, 12.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Taft	Fri. Feb. 19, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhai	Fri. Feb. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong	New Mathilde	Fri. Feb. 19, 6 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Europe via San Francisco	Siberia Maru	Feb. 20

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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SACK OF YENSHAN.

LESSON FOR COMMISSIONERS.

The N. C. Daily News has some pertinent comment on a letter from its correspondent in Chihli describing the terrible misfortune which overtook Yen-shanhsien during the retreat of Li Ching-lin's defeated troops. The correspondent says that he has been travelling for days in the track of the retreating hordes, "an indignant witness of the desolation wrought by this appalling pest of militarism in China." We would emphasize once again says the journal named that the writer of this letter is a man of long residence in the country and one who may be accepted as an unimpeachable witness. He gives a particular account of the misfortunes of one Chinese friend, but these include a vivid picture of what happened to the village which attempted to defend itself behind a mud rampart. A detachment of soldiers arrived, their officer asked for food, which was immediately sent out; then the villagers who brought it were held up for ransom, far more than the village could pay. The officer was admitted into the village to discuss terms, and the story continues as follows:—

"While this was being carried out and the defenders were off their guard, a rush was made by 10 soldiers up the steep slopes of the 'weitzu' and when, one after the other they scrambled over the parapet and began firing their rifles, a wild panic ensued. The rest of the party soon followed the lead of their comrades and, swarming up the village street, broke into every house. Four or five villagers were shot down and the people in their mad stampede to escape ran up on the wall, climbed over the parapet and rolled down into the dry moat below. Women carrying children actually took part in this extraordinary *sauve qui peut* and boys and girls ran screaming over the plain after their terrified parents."

These and other reports, says the N. C. Daily News, may be commended to the attention of the Extraterritorial Commission, which is filling in time by visiting model prisons in Peking because, owing to the conditions which our Chihli correspondent describes, it cannot get out and about China to see what things are like where they have not been specially prepared for the delusion of the foreigner. The sack of Yen-shan reads worse than what we usually get, but there is quite sufficient evidence in letters from our correspondents all over China that, wherever the military pass, there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. It is only fair to say that the districts under the control of Feng Yushiang's army are an honourable exception. But contrast this picture with the peacefulness of coolies moving blocks of silver, where any degree of order is maintained, and with the habitual friendly kindness of the Chinese people. There cannot be the slightest doubt that, if the latter had their way, China would be as safe a country for anyone to travel in as could be found, and safer than many. Surely before the Powers negotiate new agreements with the unheeding official classes, they must settle with the men who make China the sort of place that the Chihli correspondent has described; and that no less for the sake of the Chinese people themselves than for foreigners.

TO-DAYS EXCHANGE.

Rugby, Feb. 16.

To-day's Exchange Rates are as follows:—

Paris	133.85
Brussels	107
Amsterdam	12.25
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.74
Vienna	24.64
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	24
Buenos Aires	404
Shanghai	3/05
Yokohama	1/104
New York	4.804
Geneva	25.25
Milan	120.55
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	34.52
Prague	104.4
Madrid	7 5/16
Rio	7 5/16
Bombay	1/6 3/16
Silver (spot)	80 1/2
Silver (forward)	80 13/16

British Wireless.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1,045 b.
Chartered, £214 n.
Mercantile A. and B., £294 n.
Mercantile C., £134 n.
P. and O., £94 n.
East Asia, \$85 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$590 sa.
China Underwriters, \$2.00 s.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Unions, \$263 sa.
Yangtze, \$33 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$165 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$520 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$30 s.
Steamboats, \$21 s.
Tugs, \$32 s.
Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.
Shell Trans., \$37/6 n.
Star Ferries, \$521 sa.
Waterboats, \$16 b.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$24 b.
Malabons, \$39 s.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$150 n.
Kailans, 44 b.
Langkats, Tls. 23 s.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 5.00 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.
Raubs, \$5.00 s.
Tronohs, 55/- n.
Ural Caspian, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$124 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$52 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 165 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 7 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$3.00 sa.
H.K. Lands, \$61 sa.
Realty, \$5 b.
Territorials, \$6 b.
Humphreys, \$13 sa.
Princes Bldgs, \$120 s.
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.

Ewos, Tls. 9 b.
Oriental, Tls. 3 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 55 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$11 b.
Canton Ices, \$71 n.
Cements, \$14.00 n.
China Buses, Tls. 104 b.
China Lights, \$11 s.
China Prov., \$71 s.
Constructions, \$3.10 b.
Dairy Farms, \$15 s.
Dor A. Wing, \$10 n.
Electrics, \$51 b.
Macao Electrics, \$40 n.
Developments, 25 cents, sa.
Ropes, \$40 s.
Tramways, \$21 sa.
Lane Crawfords, \$12 s.
Mackintosh, \$21 n.
Peak Trams, \$17 b.
Sinceres, \$11 s.
Taxis, \$4 s.
United Asbestos, \$20 n.
Watsons (Old), \$12 b.
Watsons (New), \$12 b.
Powells, \$10 s.
Telephones, \$31 b.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

WHY THE SCHEME WAS MODIFIED.

London, Feb. 16.

In the House of Commons, the Hon. Esmond Harmsworth, asked whether the Stevenson Rubber Restriction Scheme had been modified in any way, and if so, for what reason, and whether an estimate would be given of the financial result of any change.

Mr. Amery replied that the system was modified in respect of the three months beginning Feb. 1st, by a decision to increase the percentage by fifteen per cent. instead of by ten per cent. This was taken in order to relieve those faced with the necessity of buying rubber at the excessive prices temporarily ruling. As regards the financial result, if the questioner meant the effect on the spot price of rubber, Mr. Amery feared too many factors entered into the question to enable him to give any estimate of the effect of this particular action.—*Reuter*.

The T.K.K. Ginyo Maru sailed from Nagasaki on February 14th, and is due at Hongkong on the 19th.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. W. L. Thomas, chief officer, Liangchow, has gone acting master, Kwangse.
Mr. A. Nainamith, second officer, Foochow, has gone acting chief officer, Liangchow.
Captain W. J. Larter, of the Tientsin, is on reserve.
Captain A. Glendinning, from leave, has gone master, Tientsin.
Mr. W. Gyles, second engineer, Liangchow, has gone second engineer, Hupeh.
Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer, Foochow, has gone second engineer, Liangchow.
Mr. I. J. Grant, third engineer, Kashing, has gone third engineer, Shuntien.
Mr. J. S. Hood, third engineer, Shuntien, has signed off.
Mr. J. H. Bryson, acting chief engineer, Nanning, has gone second engineer, same ship.
Mr. J. P. I. Misher, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Nanning.
Mr. C. Fayer, third engineer, Hanyang, has gone third engineer, Suiyang.
Mr. W. W. M. Chapman, third engineer, Suiyang, has gone third engineer, Hanyang.
Mr. J. W. E. Tonkin, third engineer, Sunning, has gone third engineer, Kashing.
Mr. J. Levine, sup'y officer, Tuckwo, has gone second officer, same ship.
Mr. T. R. Lucan, second officer, Tuckwo, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.
Mr. H. T. M. Allison, chief officer, Tuckwo, is on leave.
Mr. A. C. Newton, second officer, Fooching, has gone sup'y second officer, Kwongang.
Mr. J. Rees, sup'y second officer, Kwongang, has gone second officer, Fooching.
Mr. J. Stalker, sup'y chief engineer, Yatshing, has gone chief engineer, Luenho.
Mr. W. Giesbie, chief engineer, Luenho, is on home leave.
Mr. J. J. Thompson, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, Liangchow.—*Shipping and Engineering*.

LOCAL CRICKET.

I. R. CLUB 2ND V. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in their League match against the Royal Engineers at Sookunpos, on Saturday commencing at 2 p.m.:—J. S. Ackber, I. Hassan, S. A. R. Ismail (Capt.), A. S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, R. Nazarin, N. B. Kitchell, A. R. M. Samy, A. R. Minu, S. A. Ramjahn and A. S. Suffad. Reserve:—D. Abdool-Razack. Umpire:—A. O. Madar, Scorer:—A. Butt.

CRICKET.

CLUB V. ARTILLERY.

The following have been selected to represent the Club in the 1st. League match on Saturday, on the home ground, v. the Royal Artillery:—H. R. B. Hancock (Capt.), A. C. Bowker, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, J. D. Humphreys, G. P. Lammert, E. R. Mitchell, R. E. H. Oliver, T. E. Pearce, L. P. Ralph, F. N. Young.

LOCAL GOLF.

FANLING COMPETITION.

China New Year Competition at Fanling February 13 to 15; Running bovey Pool (66 entries).—R. E. Greensmith (15) and W. L. Plew (18) tie at all square and divide both prizes. Other scores were S. Hewkin and D. McLaren each one down.

Interport Dinner.

The dinner to the Interport players is to take place at the Hongkong Hotel on Thursday night and those who wish to attend are requested to communicate with the secretary as early as possible.

OIL CONCESSIONS.

STORMY MEETING OF LONDON COMPANY.

London, Feb. 16.
As a sequel to the resignation of Mr. Gulbenkian and four other Directors of the Venezuelan Oil Concessions, a long and heated meeting of that Company in London, heavily defeated a series of resolutions by a dissatisfied section of shareholders, including a vote of censure on the board.—*Reuter*.

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